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MEETS THE PRESS: U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim makes a statement to the newsmen at Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris.

Says visit 'dangerous'

Waldheim leaves Tehran after seeing Ghotbzadeh

TEHRAN, Jan. 4 (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim flew out of Tehran Friday at the sudden and unannounced end of a three-day visit to try to solve the crisis between the United States and Iran, U.N. sources said.

The Iranian revolutionary leader, who is thought to hold the key to freedom for the American hostages refused to see Waldheim.

Waldheim described his visit to Iran as "dangerous but useful," referring to the Iranian announcement of a plot against his life as well as his talks with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh and other Iranian officials.

Commenting on the Iranian mob that forced him to flee a Tehran Cemetery Thursday, Waldheim said, "this is not the first time such a thing has happened to me. But looking around I had an unpleasant feeling and was wondering who would be at my side if something happened."

Waldheim made his comments to reporters in Zurich, Switzerland, where he boarded a New York-bound flight Friday.

Spokesman for the secretary-general was informed of an urgent request of the United Nations Security Council to consider the situation in Afghanistan, "for which his presence is required," said spokesman Samir Sanbar. "In light of this development he decided to return to New York immediately."

Sanbar, of the U.N. regional office in Beirut, accompanied the Waldheim party following its arrival New Year's day. He remained in Tehran.

Upon (Waldheim's) departure Friday

morning the secretary general wishes to express his appreciation to the foreign minister of Iran and other members of the revolutionary council for the useful talks he had during his visit and for the hospitality extended to him," Sanbar told reporters.

Students holding the hostages meanwhile demanded that the Iranian Foreign Ministry hand over U.S. Charge d'Affaires Bruce Laingen to them for questioning.

The students said in a statement broadcast on state radio "it is necessary to notify Mr. Bruce Laingen, charge d'affaires of the American spying nest in Tehran, to be present at the nest of spies to give necessary explanations about espionage documents discovered there." Laingen has been held in protective custody at the foreign ministry since the embassy was overrun on Nov. 4. He was at the ministry on business at the time.

The student's statement added: "Responsibility for transferring him to the nest of spies is on the foreign ministry."

There was no immediate response from the foreign ministry to the student's statement. It was the second controversy to erupt over Laingen since the embassy occupation began two months ago.

Waldheim promised an investigation of human rights violations under the former regime.

"I shall bring this message of suffering to the United Nations and before the world community. We shall certainly do whatever we can to assure that the mutilation of human beings will never take place again," Waldheim told a crowd, which filled three rooms in the former officers' club in busy central Tehran.

Fighting continues Carter expected to act against Soviet Union

LONDON, Jan. 4 (R) — Afghan insurgents opposed to the new pro-Soviet government said Friday that fighting is continuing in many parts of the country despite reports that the situation in the capital of Kabul is returning to normal.

Travelers arriving in New Delhi on a flight from Kabul said Russians were still guarding all strategic points in the capital and patrolling parts of the city.

Rebel Muslim tribesmen, who have vowed to oppose the new government, still control parts of the country outside the capital and insurgent spokesmen said there was heavy fighting in some areas.

Insurgent leaders in Islamabad said Afghan soldiers at outposts in the countryside have continued to desert and join the rebels in fighting Russian forces.

The stage for the Afghanistan debate in the United Nations Security Council was set Thursday when Sir Anthony Parsons of Britain handed the council president a letter asking for "an urgent meeting... to consider the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security."

The letter was signed by perhaps the most varied, if not the largest group ever to join in a request for a council meeting.

The list of over 40 signatures, mainly gathered by Britain and Pakistan, included the United States and China. Liberia, alone among black African countries, signed the letter. Of the Islamic countries, only Egypt, Turkey, Oman, and Saudi Arabia, besides Pakistan signed.

Also President Jimmy Carter is expected to demand a reduction of Soviet diplomats in Washington and to cut back U.S. personnel in Moscow in retaliation for Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, U.S. officials said Friday.

They said Carter would insist on Moscow's suspending plans to open a new consulate in New York and would announce a delay in opening a U.S. mission in Kiev.

These and possibly other steps were expected to be announced by the president late Friday afternoon, the officials said.

Afghanistan President Babrak Karmal appeared at a press conference in Kabul Friday to thank Moscow for sending troops to his country, Tass News Agency said.

The new leader said the Soviet Union always acted on the international scene "in defence of the national independence, and sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan," Tass said.

It was the first reported public appearance of Babrak since he was installed in power on Dec. 27.



CONCERN: Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal meets with Islamic ambassadors to express the Kingdom's concern over the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Saud airs concern over Afghanistan

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — King Khaled's concern over the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the main topic of a meeting between Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal and accredited Islamic and Arab ambassadors to the Kingdom.

Prince Saud told the ambassadors that the King has expressed Saudi Arabia's profound interest in the "grave situation in Afghanistan."

The meeting in the Foreign Ministry Thursday was to emphasize that the situation concerns Islamic and Arab peoples who should unite behind the Afghan nation with a constant exchange of opinions over developments there.

Following the meeting, ambassadors condemned the Soviet invasion and voiced their deep concern about the serious consequences of such an action.

Sudanese Ambassador Muhammad Al Fateh Bisharah said the situation concerns the entire Islamic world and called on Muslims everywhere to consult and determine unanimous actions against the invasion.

U.A.E. Ambassador Muhammad Abu Rahimah said the danger does not only involve the land and resources of the Islamic and Arab people, but more importantly concerns their belief and religion. He said he hoped the meeting with Prince Saud would bear fruit in the near future.

Oman's Ambassador Ibrahim Al Harithi said the aggression by a godless, atheistic state like the Soviet Union is a threat to the entire Islamic world.

Morocco's Ambassador Muhammad Al Arabi Alawi said his government's action will be in line with Islamic and Arab interests.

Qatar's Charge Sulaiman Al Hamdi said his country denounces the invasion and called for immediate Soviet withdrawal from the country.

Mauritanian Ambassador Wald Mawlai Ahmad said he is optimistic that the meeting will be useful in serving Islamic causes.

Gold retreats

Paris trading suspended in heavy selling

LONDON, Jan. 4 (Agencies) — The price of gold tumbled sharply Friday after Thursday's unprecedented surge, to be fixed on the key London market at \$596.

Its price had peaked at \$658 in a worldwide rush for the metal Thursday on fears of political and economic upheavals.

The gold price went through the \$600 barrier Thursday in hectic trading.

In nervous and relatively thin trading Friday it opened its retreat in Hong Kong and continued its slide. The price touched \$585 in Zurich on active profit-taking after dealers said they believed the price could not remain above \$600.

The fall started in the Far East, where gold opened in Hong Kong at \$631.48 then dropped \$2 to close at \$609.42.

That was about the same time the Zurich and London markets the biggest in Europe were opening, and the pattern was the same there.

Zurich prices, which finished Thursday at \$635 an ounce, started at \$610, and in less than an hour had plummeted to \$585. It was the same in London, where Thursday night prices had jumped to \$630. Here, the markets fell on opening to \$615, and soon were down a further \$25 to a mid-morning \$590.

It was a nervous market, according to one London dealer, who said a lot of "amateur and unsophisticated" speculators were getting their fingers burned. The professionals, on the other hand, were busy snatching their profits.

And as the gold fever cooled, the dollar — which had dropped around Europe as the gold prices soared — began to regain some of its strength.

Trading was suspended for 45 minutes Friday on the Paris open gold market when transactions became impossible due to a massive inflow of selling orders.

A large crowd pressed at the door of one of Paris' major bullion and rare coin dealers in the morning in an effort to sell the yellow metal that has reached astounding prices in recent days.

At the opening the 20-franc Napoleon gold coin — the traditional refuge of small French investors — was quoted at 715 francs (\$178.75) after soaring 73 per cent Thursday to \$10 francs (\$282.50).

Lines of agitated investors trying to sell Napoleons remained on the sidewalk outside one of the bigger dealers near the Paris stock exchange after the store management decided to close doors because of the crush.

Lines started to form outside the store waiting for its doors to open at 9 a.m. Investors were allowed into the store in small

groups to pass their orders and were asked to leave by a rear entrance.

"I'm afraid" said a small investor in the crowd. "The price has probably reached its limit. It's crazy and I fear a swing."

"Everybody is selling and buyers are rare," said one dealer. It was a dramatic reverse of the situation two days ago when not a seller was to be found.

London's five hulton houses fixed the morning price of gold at \$596.00 a troy ounce. At one point in early trading, the price fell to \$582, dealers said.

The Zurich mid-day price was \$600.

In Frankfurt, dealers fixed the day's price at \$604.97 compared with \$631.03 Thursday. German gold buyers also have to pay a sales tax of 13 per cent.

The Paris morning fixing was \$555.96 down nearly \$90 from Thursday afternoon's \$644.18.

In London's West End, a line formed outside Barclays Bank at Marble Arch, the only bank in the country where gold sovereign coins are sold over the counter. The price was 78.95 pounds (\$176.85).

Gold shares also closed on the day's lows on active profit-taking here Friday. Amgold fell \$10 to \$82 while other heavyweights were mainly up to 400 cents easier as in Vaal Reef at 6200 cents.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troyounce):

London	595.50
Paris	553.13
Frankfurt	604.97
Zurich	585.00
Hong Kong	609.42

German minister arrives today

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — West German Economics Minister Count Otto Lambsdorff arrives here Saturday on a visit that will include meetings of the Saudi-West German Joint Commission.

His tour also takes him to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, and an official in Bonn said his talks would concern the situation in the Middle East and the international oil market.

The last meeting of the Joint Commission was held in Bonn last February, where Lambsdorff's co-chairman was Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abd Al-Khalil.

SPA said that Sheikh Aha Al-Khalil will again lead the Saudi Arabian side to the Joint Commission. The meetings start on Sunday morning. Lambsdorff will stay four days in the Kingdom.



F/1: Both above photograph and general arrangement silhouette (right) depict the standard production Mirage F1 optimised for the intercept role for the Armee de l'Air.

Iraq places order for 24 F-1s

PARIS, Jan. 4 (R) — Iraq has ordered 24 French Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers in a \$300-million deal, French armament industry officials said Friday. This latest deal brings to 64 the total number of Mirage F-1 sold to Iraq to date, they said.

The officials said the Iraqi Air Force has also an option on France's new combat aircraft, the Mirage 2000, already in production. The Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers will be equipped with France's newest Matra Super-530 air-to-air missiles.

Iraq, which previously relied mainly on the Soviet Union for its military equipment, has recently turned to France for new weapons.

U.S. aide to see Turks on military accord

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — State Department counselor Matthew Nimetz was heading for Turkey Friday, hoping to conclude negotiations on at least portions of the long-delayed U.S. military cooperation agreement with Turkey.

American officials said President Jimmy Carter's administration hopes to have the agreements at least partially completed

and bought 40 Mirage F-1 planes in a move to diversify its arms suppliers.

The Iraqi army has also bought more than a hundred French AMX-30 medium tanks, light armored cars equipped with anti-tank missile and Super-Frelon and Alouette III helicopters.

Iraq is also negotiating the purchase of French Crotale system for defense against low-flying supersonic aircraft, the officials said.

Iraqi leaders are seeking increased cooperation with France in the military field. Iraqi cadets are at present undergoing training in military colleges in France.

before the interim operating authority granted by Turkey expires on Jan. 9.

A second time factor, they said, is the Jan. 25 deadline for submitting 1981 budget proposals to Congress.

The budget will contain a substantial increase in the 350 million-dollar package of economic and military aid Turkey is getting from the United States this year.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said there were no major problems remaining in the negotiations over the agreements, just pages of detailed wording to agree on.

The agreement covers a range of American bases in Turkey. They were closed in 1974 when Congress passed an arms embargo against Turkey because of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

Meteorology, airport affairs tied to Aviation manager

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz has ordered that all matters dealing with the Presidency of Civil Aviation, the General Directorate of Meteorology and the Office of International Airports should be referred to his new aide, Sheikh Kamel Sindi.

Sheikh Sindi, who was general manager of Saudia for many years, was recently appointed assistant to the Minister of Defense and Aviation for Civil Aviation affairs with the rank of minister.

Under his leadership, Saudia became the largest national airline in the Middle East.

At the same time as Sheikh Sindi's new appointment, the Director of Civil Aviation Sheikh Abdullah Mahdi was retired by royal decree recommended by the Defense Minister.

Capt. Ahmad Matar became general manager of Saudia.

In his first press interview, Matar told Arab News that Saudia is not a profit-making corporation because it was established to serve the people with low-cost tickets.

Matar said the government subsidizes every domestic flight ticket to facilitate easy travel for people within the Kingdom.

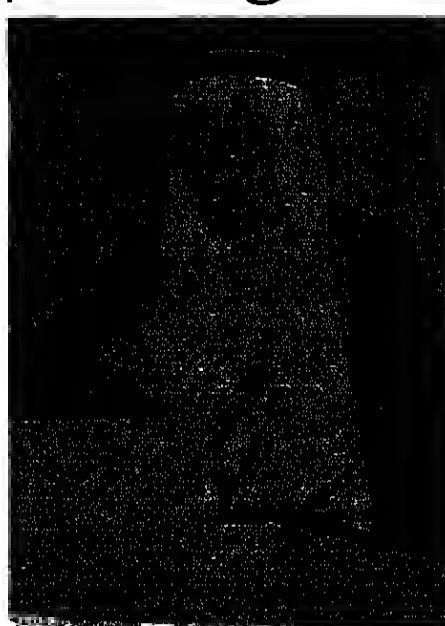
He said nearly 70 per cent of the airline's traffic is domestic. In only one year the number of passengers increased from three million to six million.

This passenger increase and the desire to expand international and regional flight service — including direct flights to the United States — has necessitated planned additions to the Saudia fleet, he said.

By 1981 the airline will have a fleet of 70 airliners including six new Boeing 747s and five new TriStars.

Leyland joins Saudia in Grand Prix racing

It has also been announced in London that Leyland vehicles, the truck and bus arm of the British Leyland Motor Manufacturing firm, is joining with Saudia to sponsor the British-based Williams Grand Prix Formula One racing team. The team won five races last year.



Sheikh Kamel Sindi

Carrington to visit Saudi Arabia Jan. 14

LONDON, Jan. 4 (SPA) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington will visit Saudi Arabia Jan. 14 during a tour of Middle East countries that includes Pakistan, Oman and Turkey.

Lord Carrington said over the BBC that the Soviet Union is greatly mistaken if it thinks it can avoid dangerous consequences as a result of the Afghanistan invasion.

He warned that the military intervention in Afghanistan could be part of a long-term Soviet conspiracy to stop oil shipments to the West.

He said Soviet arguments justifying the invasion are childish and far from convincing.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Carrington have told the Soviet ambassador to the United Kingdom that they disapprove of Soviet pretenses for the invasion of Afghanistan. They called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the country.

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Hideous crime, Harakan says

Mecca unit lashes Soviet invasion

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 (SPA) — The Mecca-based Muslim World League has again condemned the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. It said Thursday the action was aimed at turning the country into a military base to threaten neighboring Muslim countries.

Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan said that the Soviets plan to annihilate the Afghan people and wipe out their Islamic identity. The hideous crime of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan was a blatant violation of international norms, morals and human rights. It constituted a direct threat to all peace-loving people.

Harakan urged all peace loving countries and international organizations to condemn the Soviet aggression. He said that the invasion had once again showed

the methods used by the Soviet to impose the Communist doctrine by tyranny and terror through their puppets, with utter disregard of people's right to determine their own future without any pressure or terror.

He also called on the Afghan people to stand fast and to protect their Islamic faith and glorious heritage.

In Mecca, the entire staff and student body of the Islamic University, representing some 90 nationalities, condemned the Soviet aggression against the Muslim people of Afghanistan. They called on every able Muslim to launch a Jihad or Holy war, to oppose the invasion and to draw the attention of world public opinion to Soviet designs in Muslim countries.

They urged Islamic governments to adopt a firm stand towards that direct

aggression by Russia.

The condemnation came in a cable addressed to King Khaled at the end of a meeting held to discuss the intervention. The conference also decided that all the staff of the university will give 20 per cent of their salary to the Afghan cause. The students will also give the same proportion of their monthly allowance.

The mufti of Lebanon, Sheikh Hassan Khaled, meanwhile ordered Ulama and Imams of mosques everywhere in his country to condemn the aggression.

Huge protest demonstrations took place Thursday in front of the Soviet consulate in Istanbul. Police say that before they dispersed, demonstrators fired shots and tried to hurl hand grenades into the consulate compound.

Rector describes activities

Riyadh Islamic U teaching Saudization seen

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — The rector of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, Dr. Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, said Friday that in five years most of its teaching staff will be Saudi Arabians.

He said that the university's program for education abroad complies with its program for higher education, and the objectives of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University are to extend its activities to Islamic countries and have connections with centers of research and Arab and Sharia studies in the universities of the world.

The university had established a center which looks after translation, correspondence and other research. It will be run by the teachers' assembly at the university.

The center will concentrate on research and studies which serve Islam and Muslims

Dammam ceremony honors PLO struggle

DAMMAM, Jan. 4 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization held a special function here Thursday to mark the 15th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution. Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Region, attended, as did many other Saudi Arabians and the PLO representative in the country, Rafiq Al-Natsbah.

In a speech read on his behalf Prince ibn Jiluwi praised the revolution and its achievements, and said that victory would soon be won.

Natsbah commended the generous assistance given to the Palestinian struggle by Saudi Arabia, and discussed the role of the PLO in leading the movement to restore Palestinian rights.

He related the hardships to which the Palestinians were subjected, and said that they had to resort to armed struggle after exhausting all other ways of winning justice.

and economic and social issues related to the Islamic World, Turki said.

Studies for a planned university town will be completed in 15 months, and construction will take seven years. Work on a students housing project will start by the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Turki said that the university has opened an economics department at the Faculty of Sharia, as economics is an important factor in Saudi Arabiansociety, to study how Islamic rules and the Sharia can best be applied.

The university has 250 Saudi Arabian teachers now, lecturers or assistant lecturers.

He said the university's program for study abroad agrees with its higher study policy. The program includes sending students to American, British and Arab universities for masters or doctorate degrees. The university intends to send some students to Germany and Spain for specializations.

Turki said the university's cooperation with other universities covers providing them with lecturers, researchers or experts to help with their study programs.

He went on to say that the university is interested in education of Muslim minorities in non-Muslim countries. This year it opened a center in Indonesia, too, for teaching Arabic, to help understanding of their religion in a country considered one of the largest Islamic nations.

The university has also opened an intermediate institute in Mauritania, to be developed into a secondary institute, as part of the Kingdom's policy of educational assistance.

The government has also agreed to link an Islamic Institute it has built in Djibouti to the university, to encourage Islamic and Arabic studies.

The university has 6,500 students, of whom 500 are in higher studies. There are 485 students from Islamic countries on scholarships.

The number of students in intermediate and secondary institutes linked to the university increased to 13,000 this year.

Teacher City

It was meanwhile announced that Minister of Public Works and Housing, Prince Miteb Samudry will lay the foundation stone for the Hama Model Teachers' City, which will cost SR641 million. The finished complex will have 2,136 housing units.

The first phase will comprise 207 units, costing SR62 million, to be financed by the Real Estate Development Fund.

In Dhahran Wednesday, the Technical Institute graduated its seventh group of students. They will work in maintaining and controlling Royal Saudi Air Force fighter aircraft.

The commander of the institute, Col. Abdul Aziz Al-Hinai, said he was proud of the new technical officers. The director of the Dhahran military hospital, Brig. (Med.) Abdul Rahim Habib Allah, on behalf of Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the Eastern Province, handed out prizes, badges of rank and certificates to the graduates.

Exams

Earlier Thursday the Faculty of Arts at Riyadh University announced that no change has been made in the date of examinations for the first term of this academic year for full and part time students. The tests will begin Feb. 2.

The Faculty of Arts for Girls of the General Presidency of Girl's Education has announced that the first term's examinations will be held between Jan. 26 and Feb. 6.

Imams urged to help keep Jeddah clean

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasil has urged Imams and preachers to contribute in the efforts of the Awareness Society recently set up by Jeddah Municipality.

They should invite people to help the society fulfill its objectives, to remind people and draw their attention to the call of Islam to observe public cleanliness, at home, in the street and in their districts. He told Imams and preachers that to their addresses they should stress the need for worshippers to abide by Islamic precepts of cleanliness. He urged the new society also to look after the cleanliness and correct use of mosques throughout Saudi Arabia.

Fines levied to punish those harboring illegals

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif has punished illegal residents and fined individuals and companies that harbored them.

A contractor, Ali Ahmad Yamani, Khalaf Al-Shuayb Establishment, Somalia Banader Establishment, Zan Trading Establishment, Freij Al-Anzi, Universal Workshop, Services Company, Luluat Al-Malay Restaurant, and Iayan Establishment were fined SR10,000 each. Muhammad Omar Al-Zein was fined SR6,000.

Officials said that the ministry is paying particular attention to illegal residents, and that their stay in the Kingdom would make them and those who help or harbor them liable to punishment.

The public should check, when they wish to employ foreigners, that they have legal residence permits, in the public interest.

Was previous offender

Jeddah safe-cracker loses hand

JEDDAH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — The right hand of Ahmad Saleh Yafei was cut off here Friday for stealing a safe from a grocery and committing several earlier thefts.

According to an Interior Ministry statement, Yafei and Muhammad Ali Najji Al-Yamani stole the safe from Al-Afray grocery in Ruwais. The security authorities caught them while they were trying to break it open.

During investigations, the statement said, they confessed to their crime, while Yafei also admitted having committed several previous thefts.

They were referred to the Sharia Court, whose verdict to sever Yafei's hand from the palm joint was later endorsed by the Supreme Council of the Judiciary.

Since sufficient proof was not found to warrant a similar sentence on Yafei's accomplice Najji Yamani, his case was referred to the Summary Court to decide on a deterrent punishment to him.

King Khaled approved the court's verdict and ordered Yafei's hand cut off. The sentence was carried out after the Friday prayer.

WEATHER

It will be moderate in most areas and cold at night in the northern region.

Winds will be light to moderate and southerly. They may become active in the western and north-western regions, causing sand haze.

Seas will be calm to moderate. Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade).

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Jouf	19	06
Abha	20	07



Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan

Arrives Sunday

Visiting U.K. oil minister will discuss supply stability

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Jan. 4 — Britain's interest in setting up government-to-government oil deals with Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members was confirmed Friday by Secretary of State for Energy David Howell on the eve of his visit to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

"Both inside and outside OPEC a more effective inter-governmental dialogue on a number of energy-related issues would result in a more even pace of economic development in the producing countries, the less developed countries and the developed countries," he said. Despite recent events in Iran and Afghanistan a general Euro-Arab dialogue of the subject of energy was becoming more likely.

Despite a movement toward government-to-government oil deals, Britain is not generally in favor of this form of supply, he pointed out, because associated political considerations affect pricing and tend towards less cohesive policies.

"Already in Iraq we have seen the dangers of political forces when they affect oil supply," he commented these outweigh the advantage of being able to stabilize the spot market.

Nevertheless, it was now time for Britain to catch up with other consuming nations like France and Italy in the race to build up government-to-government deals in the future, he said.

Howell will travel to Dhahran from Kuwait

Sunday and then visit Riyadh for three days for talks with Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani and Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khalil. He will then visit Iraq for two days.

"As an oil-producing country as well as a consumer, Britain shares OPEC members' interests," he said, "and it is to be hoped that through these meetings Britain will be able to help as much as we can in establishing an orderly unified price structure."

The recent spreading of oil prices was to be regretted, but as a free market economy Britain was bound to follow the equivalent North African pricing.

Karachi ceremony set to open Islamic office

KARACHI, Jan. 4 (SPA) — A bureau of the Islamic Coordination Council for Asia will be opened here Sunday. Foremost among the guests will be Habib Chatti, the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, and Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the secretary general of the Muslim world League.

The bureau derives from the First Asian Islamic Conference, held in Karachi in 1978, grouping all Islamic institutions and organizations concerned with propagation and guidance in Asia.

Saudi Comment

By Adnan Sadeq
Al Riyadh

I have never heard of a graduate holding a master's degree or a doctorate choosing to leave a government job for teaching in a college or university.

Unfortunately, the opposite is true. We see increasing numbers of professors and lecturers leaving their jobs a year or two after graduation. They are sent on scholarships by the universities so that they may, on their return, join the teaching staff, but they are soon transferred to a government position and are lost to their colleges.

So how can our colleges fill up their vacancies with Saudi Arabian graduates while the civil service continues to raid the universities for personnel?

The public service should have its own scholarship and training schemes, instead of depleting the already meager resources of the universities.

Writing on another subject Sadeq says: It is a good sign that we have a large number of consulting companies in the country, as it shows we are developing in the right direction.

But somehow we have not got rid of the foreigner's complex, as many of our companies still insist on the consultant being a foreigner or the company being foreign, or associated with a foreign firm.

I believe we should demonstrate our patriotism by giving our young and talented boys the full opportunity to show their competence. We have no objection to hiring foreign consultants or using their expertise, but through Saudi Arabian offices and consultants.

One of our ministries has taken the initiative. The minister recently ordered the formation of a committee of experts, drawn from the ministry, to become the consulting body for the ministry.

I am sure that if other ministries and

government agencies followed suit they would help create a class of Saudi Arabian consultants able to serve their country better.

By Abdullah Omar Khayat
Al Jazirah

Jeddah municipality has done well by planting trees and encouraging the use of dustbins throughout the city. But I believe that such services should have been accompanied by a publicity campaign both to educate people in the aesthetic and hygienic values of the projects as well as to warn them that they can be punished for abusing them.

They should be told that uprooting trees or pouring diesel or kerosene into the flowerpots are punishable offenses. The same thing should apply to house owners who fling their garbage anywhere, even when they have a dustbin just outside their doorsteps.



(Arab News photo)

BUS: One of SAPTCO's fleet, a luxury bus used for inter-city travel. Saturday a new service begins in Riyadh.

Route 6 extended

New Riyadh bus service today

RIYADH, Jan. 4 — The Saudi Public Transport Company announced Friday that its extensions of bus Route 6 will now allow direct service to the Islamic Studies Institute and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs here.

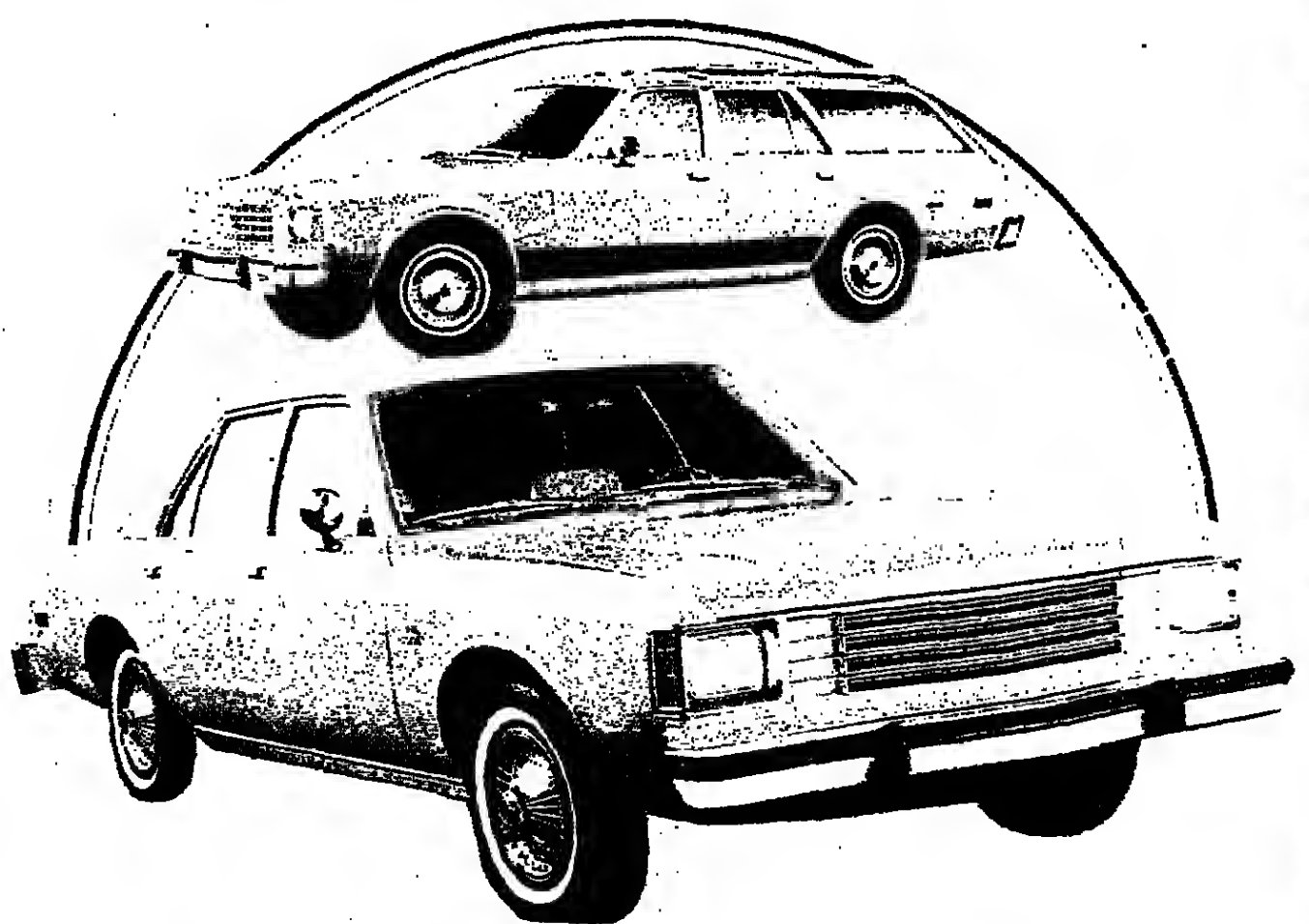
Beginning Saturday, the Khurais to Hizam route will travel from Khurais Road along Sittin Street, but instead of turning onto University Street from Sittin as the route nears the city center, Route 6 will continue on Sittin past the University of Riyadh Stadium then turn right onto Dhahran Road and the institute, then across the railroad line. At Jaboub Street, Route 6 buses will turn right past the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, then continue along the former route using Janoub Street.

Route 6, Khurais to Hizam, begins at the Khurais roundabout and travels south on Hama Road, then uses Arbae and Yarmouk Streets to reach Jarere Street and then Sittin before taking its extended route to Dhahran Road and Janoub Street. The route moves west to Matar Road, then through the city center on Wazir Street to Khazzan, west to Assarat and north to Telvision Street. Traveling past the University of Riyadh College of Engineering, then the Agricultural College, Route 6 terminates.

Sao Paulo governor here for talks today

RIYADH, Jan. 4 (SPA) — The governor of Sao Paulo arrives here Saturday on a five-day visit, at the invitation of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. The governor, Pono Salem, who is of Arab origin, will be accompanied by officials and businessmen, and will hold talks with Saudi Arabian officials on cooperation.

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Expansion of settlements

Israel begins work on outpost

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank, Jan. 4 (AP) — Ignoring protests from the Palestinian mayor of this city, Israeli authorities Thursday continued leveling a nearby hill for a new housing development that would double the size of the largest Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

Israeli soldiers blocked a demonstration by Mayor Fahad Qawasmeh and 200 townspeople and reportedly arrested several Palestinians who tried to disrupt groundbreaking work.

In one of the more ambitious settlement projects now under way in the West Bank, the government plans a 1,200-unit housing development to link up with Kiryat Arba, whose buildings already tower over ancient Hebron. The city is revered as holy by Jews and Muslims because it houses the tombs of the Biblical Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Plans also call for more development projects on two other hills that eventually would boost the population of Kiryat Arba, now 3,000 to about one-fourth of Hebron's 40,000 Palestinians. Work has not started on the other sites.

Qawasmeh said he planned to appeal to the Israeli courts to halt work on Harsina hill, about one mile from the existing Jewish town.

"I am trying to explain again and again

and again that this is private land. This is personal land and no one will agree that his land be taken by force," Qawasmeh told reporters. No one listens to us. This is our land. We want to build on it."

Apparently expecting legal action, the Israelis sent only a single bulldozer to begin clearing boulders from the hill. Yossi Weiner, the nominal head of Kiryat Arba, said he believed the government would wait for a court ruling before sending a full work team to the site.

The expansion of Kiryat Arba was in line with the decision by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet last month to triple the West Bank's 10,400 Jewish population in the next year, mostly by building large blocks of compact settlements around existing villages.

Israel radio reported that the cabinet, in informal consultations Thursday also approved the start of a new settlement in the northern West Bank. Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin planned to appeal to the full cabinet to reverse the decision.

Weiner said the work on Harsina hill was all on property claimed by the state and declared a military area six years ago. Original building plans were trimmed to avoid areas of disputed ownership, he said so the government would have a better case in court.

Farah says Shah suffering from rare blood disease

PARIS, Jan. 4 (R) — The ex-Shah of Iran is suffering from the same rare blood disease that killed Algerian President Houari Boumedienne in 1978, his wife, former Empress Farah was quoted as saying in an interview published Thursday.

Farah told the French weekly *Paris-Match* her husband was suffering from Waldenstrom's disease, which she described as a rare form of cancer that develops slowly.

"If medical tests prove satisfactory then one can talk in terms of him living several more years, or even a good number of years," she said.

Interviewed in their island refuge in Panama, Farah said her husband may need further surgery for an inflamed spleen, but the operation would be carried out in Panama, not New York.

In Panama City, meanwhile, hundreds of Panamanian students clashed with riot police Thursday in a renewed demonstration against the presence of the deposed Shah in Panama. Hospitals reported that at least 29 persons were injured.

Police armed with pellet guns and batons charged the demonstrators, some of whom hurled rocks, and quickly dispersed them.

The demonstration came after about 10 days of relative calm. It followed the departure for Iran Wednesday of a delegation of the students' federation of Panama, at the invitation of the students occupying the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

El Al's manager slain in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, Jan. 4 (Agencies) — The manager of the Israeli El Al Airline in Istanbul was shot dead Wednesday night, police said Thursday.

They said the manager, Abram Elazar, was on his way home from his office in Yesilkoy airport when a group of men opened fire on his car with Soviet-made automatic rifles. Elazar died on his way to hospital.

An extremist leftist group, the Marxist Leninist Armed Propaganda Union, later claimed responsibility in a telephone call to a Turkish newspaper.

The group said Elazar was an agent of the Israeli intelligence service and accused Israel of massacring the Palestinian people.

The same group claimed responsibility for the killing of an American serviceman and three American civilians in a single attack near Istanbul last month.

In Damascus, a left-wing Palestinian group also claimed responsibility Thursday for the assassination of Elazar.

The organization, Sons of the Land, said its men had "executed" Elazar.

"Elazar was head of the Zionist intelligence network in Turkey, which is responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Zionist Knesset (parliament) to liquidate and assassinate cadres and members of the Palestinian revolution," the group said in a statement received by Reuters.

Better U.S.-PLO ties predicted by Kreisky

VIENNA, Jan. 4 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said in an article published Thursday he believed that U.S. relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) would improve once the U.S.-Iranian crisis had ended.

Kreisky, who was the first Western leader to meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat here last July, wrote in the Vienna daily *Kurier* that the PLO had been riding a wave of recognition in Europe.

"When the Iranian events are finally over, this international trend will become even clearer," he wrote. "Relations between America and the PLO will also change — I am convinced of this."

Kreisky, a strong defender of Palestinian rights, said the PLO could enjoy further diplomatic successes only if it pursued the moderate policy favored by Arafat.

"I would like to state clearly," he wrote, "that, in my opinion, a continuation of the path already begun is possible only with the presently ruling Palestinian leadership."

Israeli hotel explosion claimed by commandos

DAMASCUS, Jan. 4 (R) — Palestinian commandos have said they badly damaged a hotel in the town of Tiberias, northern Israel, Thursday.

A spokesman said Thursday night the commandos exploded incendiary bombs in the hotel basement. The fire spread and badly damaged the upper floors, he said.

In Tel Aviv meanwhile, police said a powerful time bomb was discovered Friday in Arab East Jerusalem. It was dismantled before it exploded.

Hussein sends message to N. Yemen president

SANAA, Jan. 4 (R) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen has received a message from King Hussein of Jordan, the state-run Sanaa television said.

The message was delivered Wednesday by Jordan's Court Minister Amer Khammash who arrived earlier in the day and left in the evening.

The contents of the message were not disclosed but well-informed sources said they concerned the latest developments in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Gould visiting Iraq

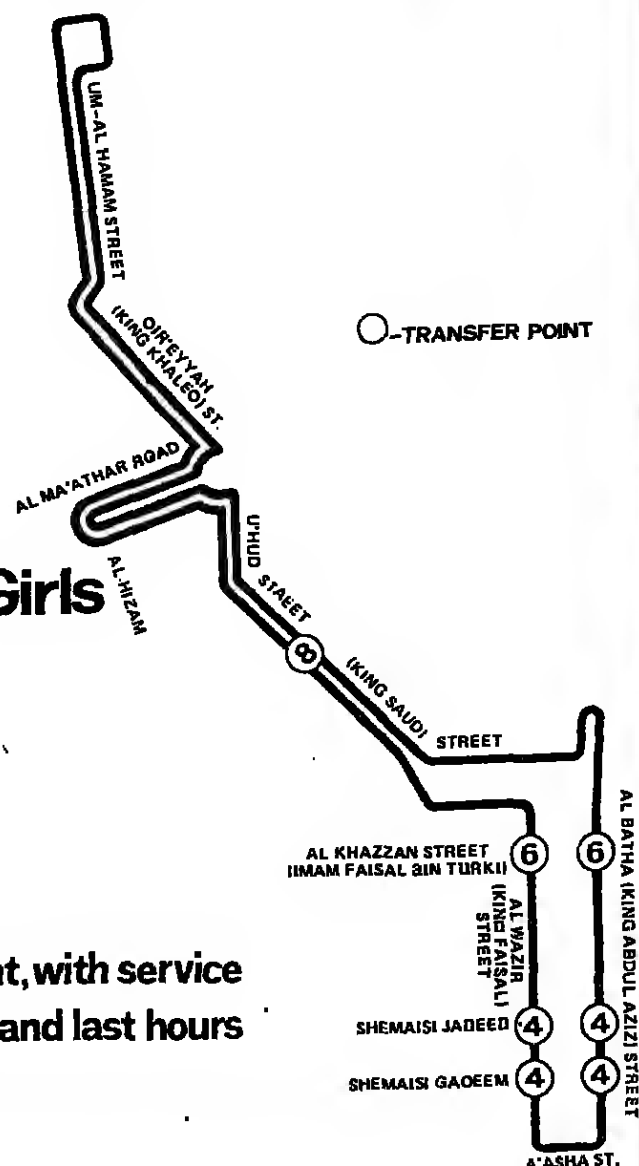
BAGHDAD, Jan. 4 (R) — Djibouti's President Hassan Gouled arrived here Wednesday night for a four-day visit at the invitation of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi News Agency said Gouled was accompanied by several government ministers.

Gouled paid a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia over the weekend.

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Street clashes reported in Qom

TEHRAN, Jan. 4 (AP) — Street clashes reportedly broke out Friday in the holy city of Qom between self-professed followers of Iran's second most popular religious leader and another group.

The incident 160 kilometers south of the capital was witnessed by Western newsmen and confirmed by a spokesman for the revolutionary guards in Tehran. Members of the revolutionary guard in Qom who intervened in the clash, were not available for comment.

A crowd of several score people carrying poster-sized photographs of Ayatollah Khomeini and brandishing knives and clubs, set upon unarmed worshippers approaching the main mosque, according to the accounts.

A contingent of revolutionary guardsmen, who form the principle security force of Ayatollah Khomeini's regime, quickly arrived, fired several rounds from their automatic weapons into the air and broke up the crowd.

The revolutionary guard's Tehran office said several people had been injured but would not elaborate.

It was impossible to determine why the attack took place. Shariat-Madari, a native of restive Azerbaijan province and a resident of Qom, became a focus of controversy late last year when he criticized portions of the nation's new Islamic constitution.

Says volunteers already in South

Montazari leaves Lebanon for Syria

BEIRUT, Jan. 4 (AP) — Iranian religious leader Hojatoleslam Muhammad Montazari reportedly left Lebanon for Syria Thursday after a two-day illegal stay here.

Lebanese government sources said Montazari drove the 100-kilometer highway to Syria around noon.

One source said two carloads of Palestinian commandos escorted Montazari to Damascus.

Palestinian officials withheld comment on the report.

The source said Montazari's convoy crossed into Syria through a commando-controlled mountainous road in the central Bekaa Valley west of the official border crossing point.

Lebanese policemen prevented Montazari from holding a news conference at a Beirut hotel Wednesday.

The Iranian religious leader, instead, held his news conference at a mosque in the Lebanese capital and reiterated his pledge to

He said the charter, which was passed by an overwhelming majority and made Khomeini leader for life, gave the religious leader too much power.

In another development, Kurdish rebels have won the withdrawal of the central government's revolutionary guards from Sanandaj after months of bloody skirmishing.

The official news agency, Pars Friday announced a six-point agreement between local Kurdish authorities and the governor-general of the province, giving the Kurds police authority in Sanandaj, capital of Kurdistan province in western Iran.

The airport, state-run broadcasting station, and officers' club occupied by the guards will be placed under local protection.

Pars also reported that an Iranian army convoy enroute from the city of Kermanshah to Sanandaj 120 kilometers to the north had been blocked in the Kurdish town of Kani-ran, halfway between the two cities.

The government had ordered army units to move toward Sanandaj to replace the revolutionary guards. The Pars reports mentioned no casualties from the incident, but said the Kurds had set up road blocks, barring the passage of 15 army tanks, several pieces of field artillery and other vehicles.

Scores were killed last summer in clashes between the rebels, who have been battling the central government for months seeking more control over regional affairs, and the guardsmen.

Says volunteers already in South

Montazari leaves Lebanon for Syria

dispatch thousands of Iranian volunteers to fight with commandos against Israel in southern Lebanon.

The Lebanese authorities declared their opposition to Montazari's plan and said they received assurances from the Iranian authorities that they were not sponsoring Montazari's campaign.

About 200 Iranian volunteers have so far flown into Syria from Tehran and are reportedly hosted in Palestinian commando training camps near the Syrian capital.

At the press conference Montazari said the volunteers were already in South Lebanon and Beirut and thousands more were coming.

Asked if any volunteers had come to Lebanon, Montazari said: "There are some in South Lebanon, Beirut — in Lebanon — and they are continuously in touch with our Palestinian brothers."

"Volunteers will be flocking by the thousands to Lebanon within the coming weeks," he said.

Syria to intensify campaign against Muslim Brotherhood

DAMASCUS, Jan. 4 (R) — Syrian political leaders have called for an all-out offensive against the Muslim Brotherhood, a secretive group which has been blamed for a series of bombings and shootings here.

Official sources said the recommendation came Thursday from the seventh congress of the country's ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, which has been meeting in Damascus for almost two weeks.

Syrian President Hafez Assad has repeatedly blamed the ultra-conservative Brotherhood for sectarian violence in which more than 120 people have died in the past six months.

The sources said the congress Thursday urged the new party leadership to intensify a

campaign "to liquidate the Muslim Brotherhood gang and expose its direct link with Israel and American imperialism."

The congress is due to end on Saturday with the election of a 21-member leadership and 75-member central committee.

Justice Minister Adib al-Nahawi has issued decrees transferring some judges to speed up the work of special courts investigating economic economic charges.

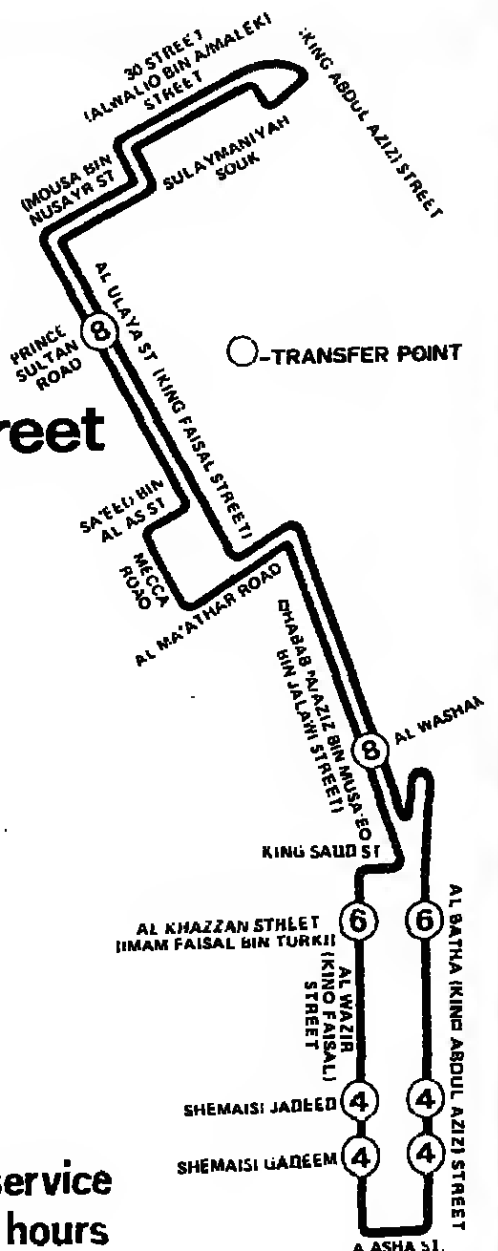
Premier Muhammad Ali al-Halabi has urged the judiciary to resolve outstanding cases brought under the economic offenses law, promulgated four years ago.

The law was designed to combat corruption, particularly the payment of bribes and unwarranted commissions on state contracts.

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Fearful Azores Islanders recover from killer quake

ANGRA DO HERISMO, Azores, Jan. 4 (AP) — Thousands of frightened Portuguese in the Azores Islands are sleeping in their cars, schools, public buildings — anywhere but home — as they try to recover from the worst earthquake here in more than two centuries.

The official toll Thursday for the nine-island archipelago in the mid-Atlantic was 56 dead, but it may be days before the missing are found. Thousands of the islands' 300,000 people were homeless.

With three new tremors felt early Thursday on the island of Terceira, the worst hit in the Jan. 1 earthquake that claimed scores of lives,

Ex-Panther directed to do good works

OAKLAND, California Jan. 4 (Agencies) — Former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver has been placed on probation and ordered to do 2,000 hours of community service for assaulting police in a 1968 shooting.

Cleaver was arrested after the shooting, but fled to Algeria. He returned in 1975 after claiming to have undergone a religious conversion. He denounced the Panthers.

"If it was the sole purpose of the law to imprison people you would be going to jail today," Alameda County Superior Court Judge Winton McKibben said Thursday. "But I believe people should have a change to rehabilitate themselves. I feel you have changed for the better and I feel it would be highly vindictive to send you to jail."

Cleaver, 44, pleaded guilty to the three assault charges in November in an agreement under which charges of attempted murder were dropped.

McKibben sentenced Cleaver to probation and ordered him to contribute 2,000 hours of community service to be arranged with probation officials.

Cleaver told the judge, "my intentions are to go from this court and live a normal productive life and make contributions to society."

He said he wanted to work with children and the unemployed in Oakland in hopes of cutting the crime rate.

Cleaver, who was wounded in the shootout in which Panther Bobby Hutton was killed, said reflectively, "I'm one who thought police would do no good, but now I've changed. We need to strike a balance about how people feel about police."

Married and father of two, Cleaver is involved in evangelistic work and is doing some writing, according to his attorney, Marc Topel.

The gun battle, in which hundreds of shots were exchanged by Black Panthers and police, occurred in Oakland on April 6, 1968.

the islanders were visibly nervous.

"I won't let my family sleep at home," said a pharmacist as he kept his store's doors open in darkened downtown Angra Do Herismo, the island capital. One block away smashed cars, big cornerstones and rubble still lay in the streets. Angra has no electricity and little water. The hospital where many of the more than 400 injured are being treated has a giant crack running its length. Power from a generator supplied by the U.S. Air Force base on the island goes on and off as a makeshift electrical system fails.

Portuguese experts are trying to determine a pattern to the quake, the most lethal since a tremor on nearby Sao Jorge Island killed more than 1,000 persons in 1757.

The quake felled old buildings such as farm houses built with stones and mud and plastered over with cement, and churches, some dating from the time the Portuguese settled the islands some 500 years ago. Newer structures survived, and so did their inhabitants.

In the small town of Doze Ribeiras only the school remained. One house, a new one, was untouched in Frezuesia Do Topo on Sao Jorge Island, while everything else crumbled.

"People are still afraid. It's almost a fever. We see what has happened to our homes and our families and we don't want to go back home," said Manuel Conneia. He had stopped his bus to see if his wife was at home. She was not.

The International Red Cross has flown in 500 tents from Switzerland to help care for some of the homeless. The U.S. air base at Lajes also is providing tents, search units, food, medical supplies and heavy equipment to clear the streets, strewn with smashed autos, downed power lines and at one corner the body of a mongrel dog.

Salvadorian ministers quit posts

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 4 (Agencies) — El Salvador was thrown into political crisis Friday after the resignations of two civilian members of the ruling junta and all but one of the cabinet ministers.

The resignations threatened to plunge the unstable Central American republic back into the violence and disorder which preceded the overthrow of its right-wing president, General Carlos Humberto Romero, last Oct. 15.

The civilian junta members said the country's "minority interests" have "fortified their economic and political power day by day" and have "impeded the development" reforms proclaimed by the armed forces when they overthrew the Romero military government.



TOWER PROTEST: Four persons calling themselves conscientious objectors dangle on ropes from the Eiffel Tower to publicize their demand for liberalization of military rules in France.

Rejects bomber request

U.S. approves missile sale to Taipei

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — The United States has decided to sell defensive weapons worth \$280 million to Nationalist China, the U.S. States Department has said. The department also said Thursday that Taipei request for long-range fighter bombers were rejected.

The package Taiwan will be offered is carefully designed to pose no threat to the Chinese mainland. It includes HAWK and Chaparral anti-aircraft missiles, anti-tank missiles,

and airborne and seaborne electronic systems, department spokesman Hodding Carter said.

The Chinese had also requested F-4, F-16 and F-18 fighter-bombers, all of which are capable of attacking the Chinese mainland and returning.

The Chinese now have only shorter-range F-5 aircraft. Carter said no decision has been made on whether to allow Taiwan to buy a

more formidable airplane in the F-5 series. Carter said the People Republic of China had been informed of the sales, but he refused to say how it reacted.

When the United States withdrew diplomatic recognition from Taiwan and conferred it on the communist mainland last year, it reserved the right to continue to sell defensive weapons to Taiwan after the old mutual defense treaty expired. The treaty expired Tuesday.

Says law and order report

Communist Chinese city plagued by crime

PEKING, Jan. 4 (R) — Crime is rife in the Communist Chinese city of Canton and surrounding areas, according to a law and order conference report quoted by the provincial radio.

The conference, held last month, said illegal emigration to Hong Kong was a serious problem and urged tougher measures to stop criminal attacks on foreigners, according to the radio.

"Since August, murders, holdups, rapes and gang fights have occurred continuously in Canton and some medium and small towns,"

the radio said.

"We must concentrate on striking at robbers, murderers, rapists, criminals who injured foreigners, overseas Chinese and Hong Kong and Macao compatriots, ringleaders in organized illegal emigration and other criminals who seriously sabotage law and order in society," said the report.

The radio indicated that Canton, like a number of other Chinese cities including Peking, had been forced to call in the army to help to maintain social order.

"People's Liberation Army units must carry forward their glorious tradition, work

closely with the local authorities and act as a strong back-up force in maintaining law and order," it said.

"While getting a good grasp of tidying up law and order in the towns, it is also necessary to solve problems in the rural areas such as feudal superstitions, gambling, indiscriminate destruction of forests and feudal armed fights between clans," he said.

China has been experiencing a crime wave over the past year, largely as a result of the high unemployment rate among young people in the cities. It was staged a number of well-publicized executions of criminals in an attempt to control the situation.

A court in the southern Chinese city of Kunming recently sentenced four men in front of an audience of 5,000 people to immediate death, according to the provincial radio.

The broadcast said the four, along with 19 others led before the rally, were variously described as "murderers, looters, rapists, smugglers, drug traffickers and criminals guilty of the most heinous crimes in stealing state property, seriously disrupting public order and endangering the lives and property of the people."

The 23 were given sentences ranging from exemption from punishment to death.

Former Philippine president likens Marcos to Shah, Park

MANILA, Jan. 4 (AP) — Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos' predecessor said Friday that Marcos' martial law regime was similar to those of the Shah of Iran, South Korea's President Park Chung Hee and other "dictators" who have been forcibly ousted from office.

"He (Marcos) may fall anytime now," Ferdinand Macapagal said in an extemporaneous speech to a private club audience. He added that the United States would make a serious blunder if it then gave support to another military government in the Philippines.

This could induce the Soviet Union to aid communist-led insurgents to counter an American-supported regime, said Macapagal, who was defeated by Marcos in a 1965 election.

"This development would precipitate a prolonged and bloody civil war in which countless Filipinos would be killed and injured and which could result in a communist victory and the communization of the Philippines," he said.

"Should that happen, and no one in his right senses will preclude such a possibility, history will render a verdict on Marcos not as a hero he poses to be but as the most censured villain in Philippine history."

Before his speech, a number of foreign guests were introduced, including officials from the U.S. and Australian embassies here and a correspondent of the Soviet Tass news agency.

Macapagal also accused the 62-year-old Marcos of mismanaging the economy, saying that "massive graft and corruption," heavy foreign indebtedness and heavy taxes, have put 35 million Filipinos, 85 per cent of the population, below the global poverty line.

The presidential palace had no immediate comment on Macapagal's attack.

Likening Marcos to an "overripe and rot-

Tito hospitalized with leg trouble

BELGRADE, Jan. 4 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito has been admitted to the clinical hospital in Ljubljana for "examination of his leg blood vessels," the Yugoslav News agency Tanjug reported.

The brief announcement said only that the move was taken on the advice of doctors. The Yugoslav president, who is 87, had been staying for the past month at his hunting lodge, Karadjordjevo, in northern Yugoslavia, where he spent the new year.

The Yugoslav television showed part of the traditional midnight exchange of greetings. Tito, who was wearing a tuxedo, stood up to toast with champagne and it was noted that he rose from his chair with some difficulty.

Later on he received New Year congratulations from those present while remained seated in his armchair.

Freighter ablaze in North Sea

BREMEN, West Germany, Jan. 4 (AP) — An Argentine freighter was ablaze early Friday off the West German coast after it collided with an Italian ferry at the mouth of the Weser River, rescue officials said.

Flames sweeping the Argentine motor ship "Buenos Aires 2" were being fought with "all available forces," the West German Sea Rescue Society in Bremen reported.

Two crewmen on the Argentine vessel were reported missing following the Thursday night collision with the 3,987-ton Italian ferry "Doria Riparia" at the North Sea confluence, the society said.

It denied an earlier report that the Italian ship was also swept by flames following the collision eight km northwest of the Weser mouth.

There was speculation that the Italian ferry was enroute to a Bremen shipyard for repairs at the time of the collision, but the rescue society spokesman was unable to confirm this.

The German ship registry service in Hamburg, which provided initial reports of the accident, said crew members of both vessels abandoned the ships in lifeboats after the crash.

It said West German rescue ships that headed to the scene included a tugboat, a pilot boat and a sea salvage cruiser.

The ships alerted rescuers with distress calls after the collision. Heavy fog was reported in the northern German coastal region at the time of the accident.

Kidnap gangs terrorize Italy

MILAN, Jan. 4 (AP) — Italy's kidnapping gangs netted an estimated \$2.4 million in ransoms in 1979, but investigators say that's only a portion of the financial cost to the wealthy.

Intense fear of kidnapping has spread among the well-to-do, from industrialists and merchants to doctors and lawyers. They are believed to have paid millions of dollars to foreign insurance companies for anti-kidnapping policies, which are banned in Italy.

Their costs also included huge expenses for bodyguards, armored cars, electronic alarms, and trained dogs.

Kidnapping fear has also taken a toll on family life, with many sending their children to schools abroad in "safer" countries, mainly in neighboring Switzerland.

The flourishing kidnapp "industry" triggered problems on Sardinia, the vacation spot for Europe's rich, where some industrialists sold their villas after last summer's wave of abductions whose victims included a British family.

Kidnappers snatched a total of 61 persons in 1979, lower than the record 72 in 1977 but sharply higher than the 43 in 1978. Sixteen of the victims are still in the hands of abductors.

Families of those held use insurance policies and bank loans to get around a freeze on assets by the courts. The freeze is an attempt to discourage ransom payments, which reached as high as \$2.4 million for oil industrialist Dino Armani.

Those kidnapped in 1979 included increasing numbers of women and children, further evidence that the so-called "new mafia" has given up the tradition of Sardinian and Sicilian bandits of grabbing only men.

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As boycott threatened

Killanin defends Games participation

LONDON, Jan. 4 (Agencies) — Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee, has pleaded for politicians to stay out of the Olympics. His appeal came amid Western threats to boycott the Moscow Olympics to protest Soviet military moves in Afghanistan. It was echoed by leading European sports administrators.

Killanin's plea, in a statement issued from IOC headquarters in Lausanne, came less than 24 hours after North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations meeting in Brussels discussed a possible boycott of this summer's Olympics, a suggestion reportedly put forward by a West German representative.

The boycott was discussed at a NATO emergency session Tuesday.

The Olympics and politics are no strangers. African athletes boycotted the 1976 Montreal Games after a New Zealand rugby team toured South Africa, and threatened a further boycott of this year's games if the British Lions rugby tour to South Africa went ahead as scheduled.

Killanin said Wednesday: "I have always felt that at times administrators, and even the IOC, forget that athletes come first, and in no way should be prevented from competing in international competition by political, racial or religious discrimination."

A number of leading sports administrators backed Killanin's stand, but British politicians have joined the clamor for a boycott.

"I am of the opinion that the Olympic games must remain apolitical and continue to be maintained in the private sector," said Col. Don Miller, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee. "The USOC is diametrically opposed to the use of the Olympic movement for international politics."

In Moscow, the Soviet official in charge of preparations for the Games said in an article published Thursday that attempts to use the event to "exacerbate the world political situation" were bound to fail.

Ignaty Novikov, chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Olympics, did not refer to suggestions that Western countries might boycott the Games in protest at the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

But Novikov, who is also a deputy premier in the Soviet government, said the committee is aiming to get the broadest ever participation of athletes in the Games.

Writing in Pravda, he said the Moscow Olympics had enemies abroad who wanted to use the event to "spread lies and slander about our country and exacerbate the political situation in the world."

"But everywhere these attempts receive the requisite rebuff from progressive society."

In Paris, the minister for youth and sport, Jean-Pierre Soisson, hinted he does not support boycotting the Olympics.

Soisson had said Wednesday the government would not try to influence the French Olympic Committee, which strongly opposes any boycott.

But questioned on television Thursday Soisson said:

"For South Africa, it was a question of the rights of man, and we intervened directly because we thought the rights of man were menaced... the problem of the boycotting of the Moscow Games is posed after a diplomatic and military action by the Soviet Union."

"It is thus posed in terms of reprisals and it is thus that certain nations have posed it. I consider that we should not mix sport and political action in the widest sense of the term."

"(The government) thus should not intervene in conditions which would be completely contrary to the decisions of the international Olympic Committee and the French National Olympic and Sports Committee."

Athletes generally are opposed to a boycott. In New York Al Oerter, the 43-year-old, four-time Olympic discus champion who is making a bid for a fifth gold medal, was asked about the possibility of a United States boycott.

Oerter said, "I think a boycott is the lowest thing. Surely, there are things to be considered other than a boycott. It's of so little value."

"I have worked 3 1/2 years to make the Olympic team," he continued. "To say now that I am not going to go is very difficult. There are many things that could be done and should be done by the administration that a boycott seems to have no value at all. Politics should not enter into the Olympics. I don't mix politics and sports."

Oerter's feeling was shared by several American track and field people interviewed Thursday.

"Athletics and politics don't mix. They never have and they never will," said John Thomas, the former high jumper. "The only losers in such a situation are the athletes."

"I feel very strongly against an Olympic boycott."

Jimmy Carnes, the U.S. track and field coach, said he felt sorry for the athletes who have been preparing so long to compete in the Olympics.

"In view of the tremendous amount of time the athletes have spent training for to reach their dream, the Olympic Games, it

would be a shame to take it away from them."

"If this is a possibility, maybe they should start working to have the games somewhere else. I would definitely call for the president not to let this stop the Olympics."

"Everybody should keep politics out of the Olympics."

"I'm an optimistic guy. I don't think it will happen... Well, let's hope it doesn't happen."

"I would hate to see the Olympics used as a weapon for political purposes," said Stan Huntsman, the track and field coach at the University of Tennessee, who has also coached several American teams that have competed in international meets.

"Somebody has to carry on the brotherhood and the Olympic movement. The fact that Avery Brundage (former president of the International Olympic Committee) decided to continue the games in Munich, I thought was a good idea. Somebody has to carry the torch."

"The threat of a boycott or a cancellation may be the cause of things getting straightened out," said Jim Tuppenny, director of track and field at the University of Pennsylvania and vice president of the newly formed Athletics Congress.

"Maybe it's a good factor, some sort of a backlash. Maybe the differences will be resolved because of a chance of a cancellation. But we hope that it won't happen."

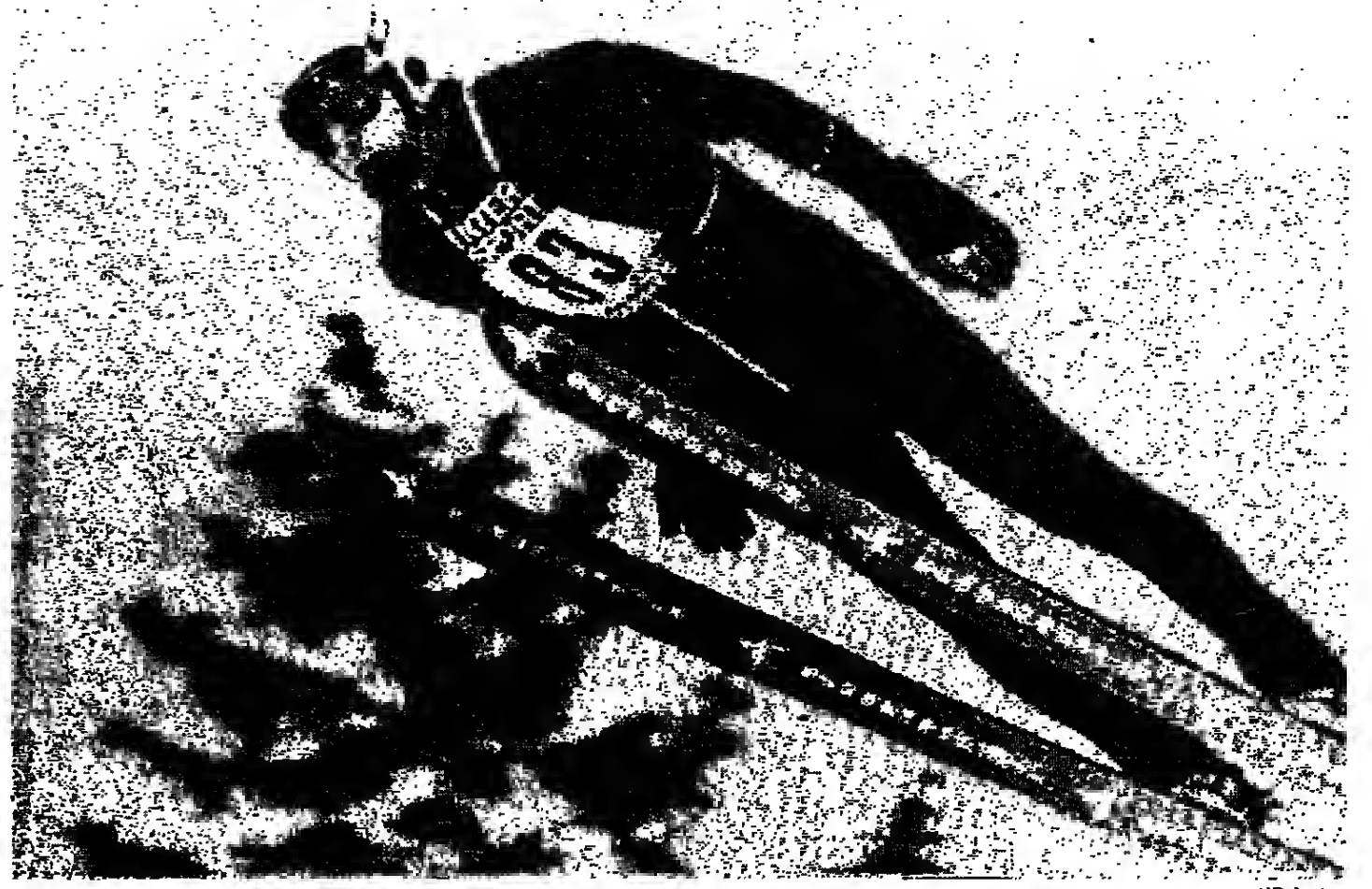
Less high-mindedly, NBC, which paid \$87 million for broadcast rights to the Olympics, has insurance protection should the games be cancelled or if the United States does not send a team.

"The only position we can have is that if the United States sends a team, we'll broadcast the Games," said Alan Baker, vice president of corporate information for the network.

NBC would not get back from the Soviets any of the \$60 million it has already paid. The network owes the Soviets three more \$5 million installments, two before the July games and one after. NBC has already paid the International Olympic Committee its \$12 million out, one-third of the broadcast rights.

But NBC has insurance with Lloyds of London in the event the United States does not send a team to Moscow or the Games are cancelled. The policy calls for NBC to get 85 per cent of its money back.

"If the U.S. team didn't go it wouldn't be considered an Olympics," Baker said. Marsh and McLennan Inc. in New York, brokers for Lloyds of London, has insured NBC other times, pro football's Super Bowl and baseball's World Series, against anything that might cause cancellation of an event the network is covering.



JUMP: East Germany's Jochen Danneberg lifts off the ski jump in Oberstdorf, Bavaria, last weekend, to win the Four Cities Ski Jumping Tournament.

Seven for 90 on first day

England in bad trouble in Sydney Test

SYDNEY, Jan. 4 (AP) — England was in desperate trouble at the Sydney Cricket Ground in the second Test against Australia, having lost seven wickets for 90 runs at the close of play on Friday.

Play was delayed until midafternoon, as the wicket had taken nearly 400 points of rain in two days.

Australian skipper Grahame Smith won the toss and had no hesitation in letting his pace attack loose on the hapless England batsmen.

The most successful bowler was swing specialist Geoff Dymock, who took three wickets for 29 runs, clean-bowling veteran England opener Geoff Boycott for eight to start the procession to the pavilion.

The wicket held no terrors for England all-rounder Ian Botham, who hit out for a lusty 27 in even time, including a six. But the balance of the England batsmen were troubled throughout by the skillful use of the bowling attack by Chappell.

Veteran English opener Geoff Boycott was the first of the tourists' casualties, bowled by a Dymock yorker after 15 minutes play, for eight.

His replacement, Derek Randall, who has been struggling to find form throughout the tour, was the next man out, caught at first slip by Greg Chappell off the bowling of Lillee.

Randall's dismissal left England two for thirteen and struggling as Peter Willey joined his side's defiant new opener, Graham Gooch.

Lillee and Dymock took every advantage of the tremors of the unknown rain-affected strip and kept the ball well up to the batsmen. Further disaster befell England when Peter Willey was neatly caught by Julien Wiener at third slip, and Dymock had gained his second victim.

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The West Indies team meanwhile arrived in Perth on Thursday determined to make amends for their shocking defeat at the hands of Western Australia there four seasons ago.

"We will be treating the game against WA as a normal four-day fixture, and naturally we want to perform well," captain Clive Lloyd said.

The match will start at the WACA ground on Saturday. In December 1975, WA caused a surprise when they beat the West Indies by 115 runs.

Lloyd said it was important for his players to perform well in this game because it is the forerunner to several important Benson and Hedges World Series Cup matches and the third Test against Australia in Adelaide.

However, Lloyd gave his players a day off from the rigors of net practice after their strenuous tour so far, before a full session on Friday morning.

After Friday's practice, the selectors, Lloyd, Deryk Murray, Alvin Kallicharran, Viv Richards and Willie Rodriguez were to name the side to meet WA.

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Navratilova downs Cawley

Austin outplays Lloyd in Maryland tennis

LANDOVER, Maryland, Jan. 4 (AP) — Tracy Austin and Martina Navratilova advanced easily to the semifinals of the Women's Tennis Series championships Thursday, one by attrition and the other by a blitz.

Austin outplayed Chris Evert Lloyd at her own game, the baseline rally, to extend her 1979 dominance over the erstwhile queen of a blitz.

San Diego shattered by high-flying Knicks

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP) — "We were awful, just awful," said Gene Shue, coach of the San Diego Clippers. Then he broke into a laugh.

The Clippers had just been clobbered by the New York Knicks 133-101 Thursday night in a game that was decided in the very first quarter. The Knicks broke in front 16-3, built the lead to 30 points after one period and never let the Clippers back into contention.

"I can laugh because I know it's just one game," Shue said. "We'll come back tomorrow and play the way we can, I've got to believe that."

The Clippers shot 5-for-26, a 19.2 percentage, in the first quarter, when the Knicks ran off streaks of 12, 12 and 10 consecutive points to bust the game wide open at 42-12. New York led by 34 points in the second quarter and by at least 20 throughout the second half, with the gap reaching 40 points in the final minute.

In other National Basketball Association games Thursday night, the New Jersey Nets upset the Atlanta Hawks 126-119, the Philadelphia 76ers trimmed the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-108 and the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Indiana Pacers 106-96.

It was the fourth victory in a row and sixth in the last seven games for the Knicks, who ended their season record at 21-21.

Mike Newlin scored 10 of his 24 points in the final period as the Nets broke Atlanta's seven-game home winning streak.

Three baskets by Atlanta's Charlie Criss cut the deficit to three points at 122-119 before Newlin sealed the verdict with a 15-foot jumper over the Hawks' Eddie Johnson with 15 seconds to play.

Maurice Cheeks' basket and two free throws in the final 33 seconds rallied the 76ers to their fifth victory in the last six stars. But losing coach Stan Albeck had no complaints.

"It was a great basketball game," he said. "I cannot fault our guys, either offensively or defensively. They were aggressive and they played physical basketball, but that (Philadelphia) team has the second best record in the League and they just had a little too much for us tonight."

The Cavaliers led by as many as 13 points in the first half before the Sixers came back behind Julius Erving, who scored 20 of his game-high 35 points after the intermission.

Dave Meyers scored a season-high 26 points and Junior Bridgeman added 23, all but two in the last 18 minutes, as the Bucks broke a three-game losing streak and dealt Indiana its fourth straight loss.

American tennis into 1980.

Navratilova served and volleyed on the fast indoor carpet to beat Evonne Googalongo Cawley of Australia, 6-3, 6-2.

In the afternoon match, Wendy Turnbull outplayed fellow-Australian Dianne Fromholtz 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. The other match between losers of previous matches was canceled. Kerry Reid withdrew from the tournament because of tendinitis and defaulted to Regina Marsikova of Czechoslovakia.

Lloyd and Googalongo drop into the losers' bracket of the double elimination tournament where they play Marsikova and Turnbull, respectively. The winners of those matches move to the semifinals against Austin and Navratilova.

The tournament pits the leading players from the 1979 women's tour.

Austin, with her teeth clenched and her pug-nails flying, jerked Lloyd around the court relentlessly just as Lloyd had done to so many opponents during her reign.

Austin had too much pace, depth and consistency for Lloyd, now 25, married and clearly no longer the best American woman player.

Lloyd could stay with Austin only in patches, occasionally finding success with a drop shot or a lob. But she never recovered completely from the quick 3-0 lead Austin took as the match opened.

Austin moved directly into a semifinal match on Saturday, while Lloyd dropped into the loser's bracket in the double-elimination draw.

In the afternoon Turnbull's serve-and-volley style took its toll on Fromholtz, who had won their last three matches. A service break in the third game of the final set was decisive as Turnbull rallied from an 0-30 deficit for four straight points, including two smashes for winners.

Japanese challenger takes light-flyweight crown

TOKYO, Jan. 4 (Agencies) — Japanese challenger Naruo Nakajima punched out an unanimous decision over defending champion Kim Sung Jun of South Korea to win the World Boxing Council light-flyweight championship here Thursday night.

Nakajima, 25, took command of the fight from the start with quick punches and better footwork and delighted a partisan crowd of 3,200 by winning a clear verdict.

Referee Dick Young of the United States scored the bout 146 to 139 in favor of Nakajima, judge Reneh Manonh of Indonesia made it 145-141 and Japanese judge Akeo Ugo scored it 148-143.

Nakajima kept scoring with lefts and rights to the face and body. Kim, 25, fought back strongly in the 10th round, but he could not reverse the trend of the fight.

Both boxers were over the left eye in the bruising battle.

It was a 13th win for Nakajima, against two losses and one draw. Kim was meeting his seventh defeat, against 25 wins and four draws.

Both fighters weighed in at 107 1/4 pounds.

In Hobart, Queenslander Terry Rocavert was the giant killer in Friday's Australian hardcourt titles.

He has ousted two seeds on his march to the semifinals. Heading the victims was top-seeded American Hank Pfister, who succumbed to Rocavert without a whimper 6-4, 6-1 in their second-round clash.

Then Rocavert gave the same treatment to sixth-seeded South African Ray Moore, winning their quarter final Friday 6-3, 6-2.

Three other seeded players were also bundled out of the tournament on Friday.

Seventh seed Paul Kronk of Queensland bowed out to Syd Ball of New South Wales, third seed Chris Kachel went down to American Robert Van't Hof, and Scholomo Gluckstein dispatched eighth seed John Marks of New South Wales.

Ball later lost his quarter final to American Rick Fisher, who joins Gluckstein, Van't Hof and Rocavert in Saturday's semifinals.

Pakistan game abandoned

CHITTAGONG, Jan. 4 (R) — Police used tear gas and fired shots in the air here Thursday to disperse demonstrators who invaded the pitch during a cricket match between the Pakistan touring side and a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board XI.

A number of police and some Pakistani players were injured during the invasion, which caused the two-day match to be abandoned as a draw.

The demonstrators, describing themselves as supporters of the Awami League party, invaded the ground shouting anti-Pakistani slogans. They also burned an effigy of Majid Khan, who was captaining the Pakistan side.

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Sipping at the fount of learning

By OMAR BAGABAS

JEDDAH — With so many Saudi students returning home for the holidays from their schools in the United States, the contrast between those educated here at home is acute.

There is an unmistakable tinge of envy in the voices of Saudi students here when they are asked how they view the experiences of their counterparts in America. Some suffer from an inferiority complex because they cannot speak English, the vital language of modern society. One pessimistically said, "What do you expect from me if I cannot

understand English? My certificate is valueless. I wish I had studied English for a year in England and then I would have been able to come home with a better knowledge of the world and with more experience of life."

"I have wasted four years studying commerce and business administration but how can I communicate with the West if I can't speak English? Believe me, students at King Abdul Aziz University are not prepared to determine what they should do in the future."

All students take only an elementary course in English, except those in the Arts and Humanities, but this is clearly not sufficient. More intensive English courses should be taught at higher levels to help remove the

confusions felt by students and the problems created by language.

Students in America are happy with their lot. One of them said, "By studying in America, I am learning to break the barrier of language and I am becoming an independent citizen and, by mixing with Americans, a cosmopolitan person able to contribute to the development of my country."

Although he admitted that students in America may go through some unpleasant experiences caused by a lack of understanding and lack of exposure to a new society, he felt that it is an advantage to get through these problems as soon as possible as they will be encountered at some point in life anyway.

The customs and traditions of America are difficult to deal with, to be sure, but better to overcome this obstacle at a young age before they cause psychological collisions later in life.

Students in America are given an opportunity to study both the theory and practice of any given subject but here, at King Abdul Aziz University, there is no such exposure. Students studying history, sociology and literature say with disappointment that they find themselves at a loss when looking for jobs. One student said that the marks he scored in his high school examination did not permit him to join the engineering faculty at the university. He will wait for the Labour office to appoint him to some clerical position.

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Practical and experimental challenges are not put before students in journalism, sociology or the commerce departments and they suffer from a feeling of insecurity and hesitancy as a result.

There is also a certain lackadaisical attitude toward schooling in general, which is not confined to one or the other of the two groups. It is found both in America and here. One student here who just joined the science faculty said that all students should go to the university after passing their high school certificates because otherwise they would suffer low status in later life. I concluded that some students thought they would not be eligible matrimonially until they had university degrees.

I regret to say that some regard the university as a place of entertainment and as a necessary step toward the good life. I feel this is a very serious problem. Just imagine if all students joined the university for these shallow reasons what the consequences of this would be. Motivation is a decisive thing that determines the goals of a student and his future role in the country. Unfortunately, it seems to have vanished.

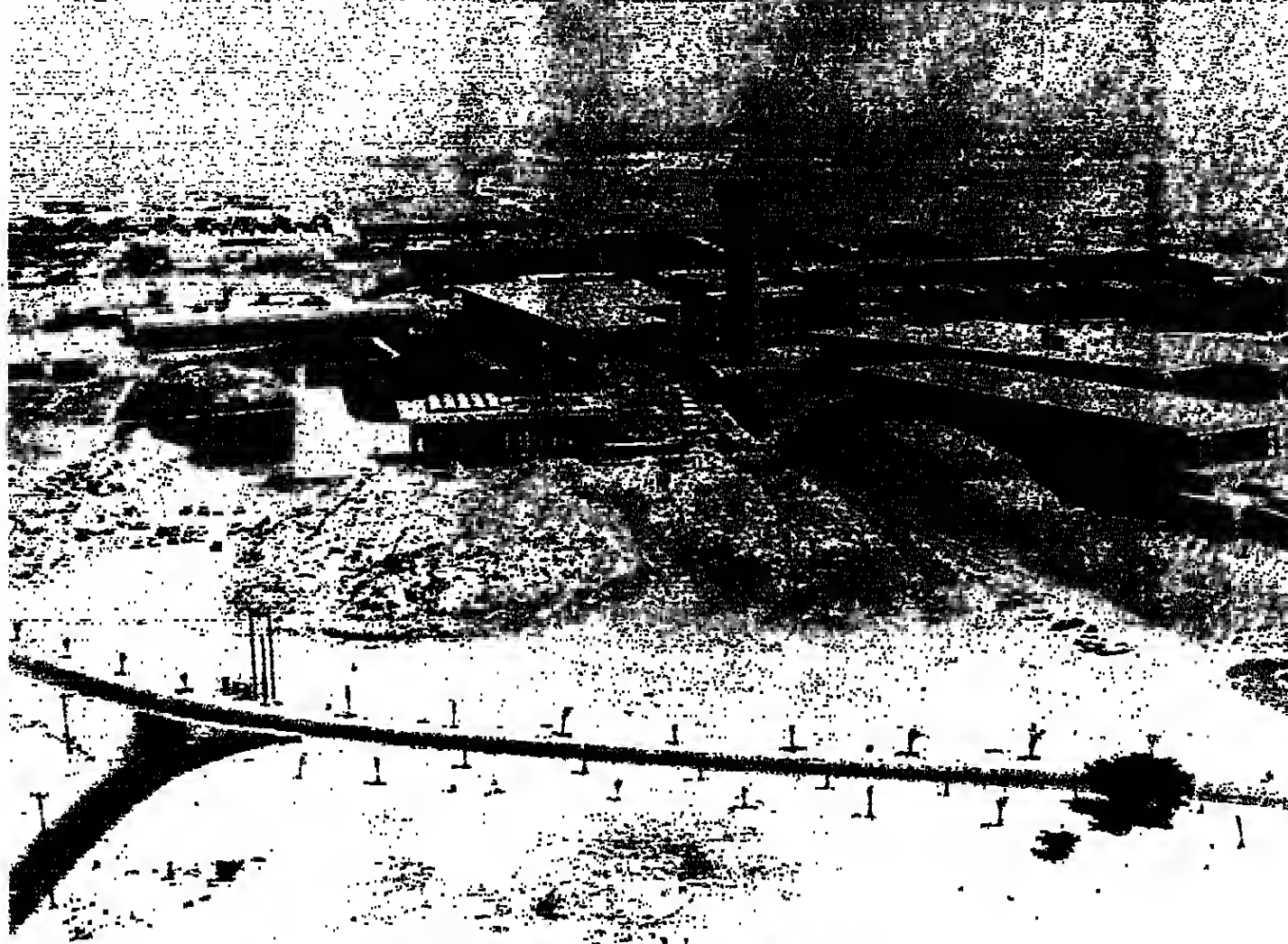
Here the sense of aimlessness seems to stem from a random choice of departments, the carelessness of the students and the lack of cooperation between the students and the academic director, who does not see his students often enough to give them direction and purpose.

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feel restless. They look at the future from the financial point of view as in the case of one Commerce Faculty student who declared proudly that he would earn more than a Literature Faculty student.

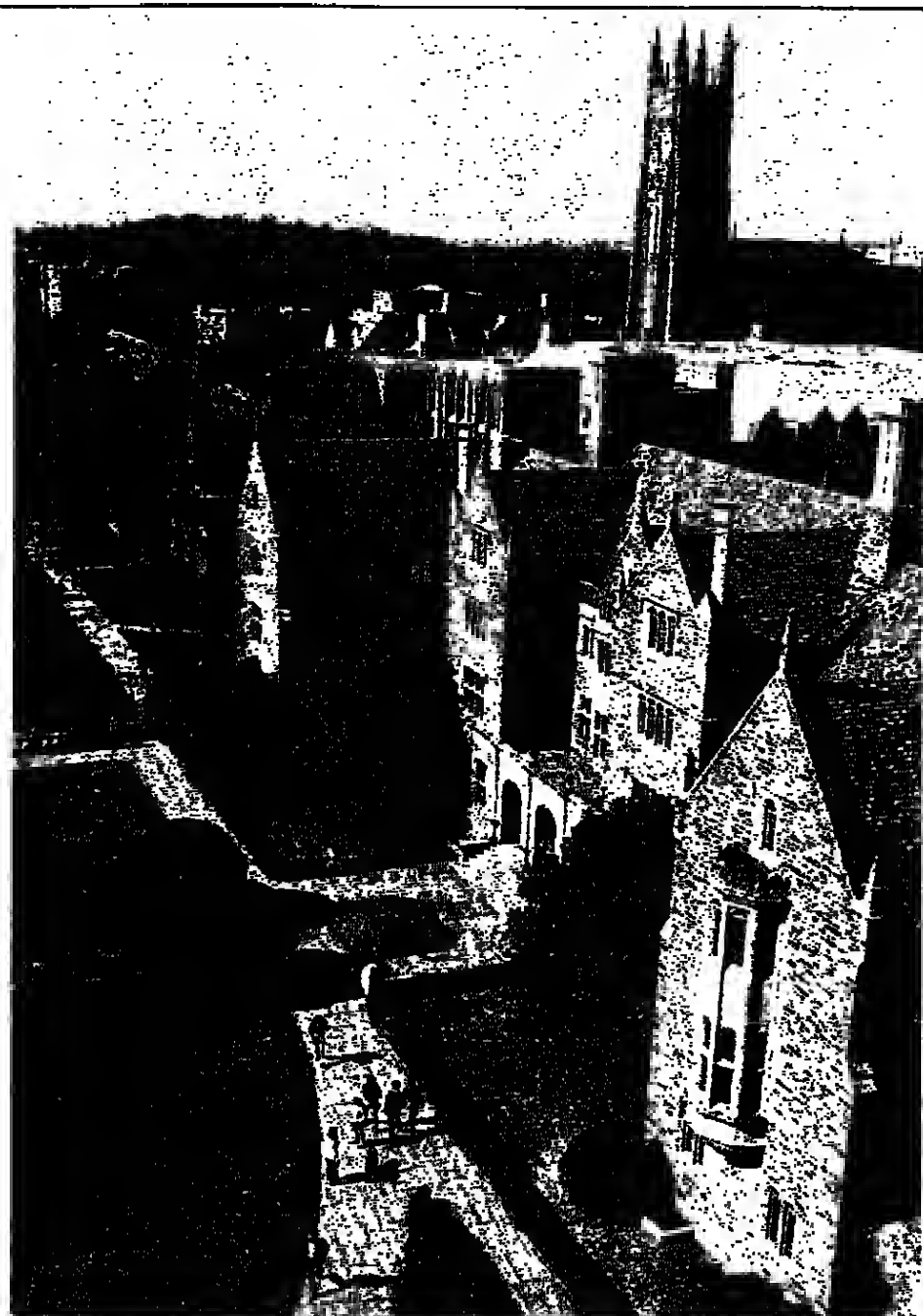
Many of the students who are studying in America plan to go to earn advanced degrees. Unfortunately, this is not the case among students who are earning degrees at home. They do not seem to realize that a certificate is only a means toward probing life and struggling with problems. A certificate enables a stu-



The University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran



Saudi students at a Middle East evening at Western Illinois University.



Duke University in North Carolina

dent to start an independent life. It is only the beginning of persistence and perseverance, not the end.

I regret to say that many students here do not seize the chance to go on to further study, though the university would send them on grants. Some say they must enter the family business and make money. Others are afraid of failure because of the problems of language. Many are intimidated either because their life with their families here has not offered them the chance to be independent or because they fear the negative effects of getting in contact with a new culture and a completely different life.

If it may appear that the question of studying here or abroad is a clear cut issue but this is not the case. One Journalism Faculty student said that students who study abroad come home with a different culture that they then try to impose on their society. The result can be unpleasant. He argued that, though the clash with the culture of the West is unavoidable, it is much better to postpone it until one graduates and is more mature, and more able

to weigh the differences on the scale of justice and wisdom. As an older, more mature person, he will not find himself entranced by the glittering outward appearance of Western civilization. He will have reached an age at which he is able to decide rationally what to pick up and what to leave.

A teenager, he said, may be tempted to sacrifice his principles for the pleasure of showing that he is westernized. At the age of say, twenty-five, he can select what is reasonable without compromising his culture and his ethics.

It is clear that though studying in America and studying here offer very different paths, what really determines one's education is one's personal attitude. In America, time can be wasted on fast cars, an active social life, television and traveling. Here, the student can easily be led astray by a comfortable home life and a curriculum that is not too demanding. No matter where one goes to school, one can get a good education if there is motivation and initiative.



Saudi students at Western Illinois University meet an advisor.

The Gourmet Club

Breaking bread in style

By CLARE KENT

JEDDAH — It sounded like some secret society, a Broderbund locked in obscurity. Vague references to the club had come to my ears; whispers at dinner parties when the food was particularly good. But it turned out to be much more innocent and open.

The club usually has fifteen to sixteen members. They are cooks and they call their organization, The Gourmet Club.

Each member must be enthusiastic and willing to demonstrate recipes from her own country. Only one person from a country is allowed to join so it is an international group. Members come from countries in the Middle East, Far East, Europe and America.

One of the founder members, a Palestinian living in Saudi Arabia, explained how it was first formed. Strangely, it was not concerned with cookery at first. A group of ladies from different countries used to get together once a week for coffee and to sew.

But, as more foreign companies began to come into Jeddah, so many and more women found their way to the 'stitchery' group. The original small international group became unwieldy and swamped by American and British ladies.

In September 1975, some of the original group broke away from the large new group. They decided to change from coffee and sewing to cookery, and thus the Gourmet Club was started.

The group continues to meet once a week on Monday morning. Although there are only a few of the first members left, new members are easily recruited. The only continent that has not yet been represented is Africa, but they hope to interest someone from there soon.

Each week the meeting takes place at a different house. The hostess demonstrates a dish from her own country. The recipe is writ-

ten down and, when the dish is cooked, everyone tastes the result.

"We have a light lunch that day," someone mentioned as an afterthought.

Once every three months the group has an evening dinner party for their husbands. It was to one of these parties that we had been invited.

In the hostess's kitchen the table was spread with goodies brought by the members. Some of the dishes had to be heated and, as the dinner hour drew near, people were popping in and out of the kitchen putting dishes in the oven and making last minute preparations.

One wondered how everything managed to go so smoothly with so many people involved. It seems a dish of ghoulish did once and up on the floor.

But international co-operation within the group is very strong. As the Pakistani member explained, they become very good friends meeting every week, and they learn a great deal from each other. Through visiting each others houses and learning to cook food from many countries, they get to know a lot more about other areas of the world.

Husband, too, approve. Apart from the obvious bonus of having interesting food cooked for them, they enjoy meeting people whom they would not usually meet through their own work.

The food was delicious. Everyone had a loaded plate by the time they had taken a little from every dish. There were dishes from this area of the world such as kibbeh, hummus and fattoush. There were veal pasties from Scotland, Chinese and Pakistani dishes, the puddings from Germany and Holland. It was an international evening in every sense and a very enjoyable occasion.

The Gourmet Club is hoping to produce a cookery book of all its recipes. It should be an interesting collection.

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U.S. says move unjustified

Mexico hikes oil prices

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 4 (AP) — Mexico raised its crude oil prices as high as \$32 a barrel Wednesday night and reserved the right to raise them again "at any moment" because of the "uncertain situation in the world petroleum market."

The price had been \$24.60 a barrel.

Mexico normally raises its prices every three months after negotiations with foreign buyers, most of whom are American.

A spokesman for Pemex, the state oil monopoly, said Mexico would continue its policy of not selling on the cash-and-carry, or "spot" market.

The U.S. State Department immediately expressed deep regret over Mexico's decision to raise the price of its crude oil.

Calling the increase "unjustified," department spokesman Hodding Carter said the United States is deeply concerned about the impact of such increases on the health of the international economy.

He said the United States is doing what it can to ease pressure on prices by reducing demand and increasing production.

But the announcement that prices might rise again before the end of the traditional

three-month period indicated Mexico is looking for some of the pricing flexibility the spot market provides.

"Mexico, as a matter of policy, does not sell on the spot market. Thus it has no mechanism to take advantage of the higher world prices," said an industry analyst who asked that his name not be used.

"It was clear last October that Mexico saw a world market pushing prices above what Mexico was selling oil for," he said, adding that Mexico would be "politically vulnerable" if it did not keep its prices in line with the world market.

"Mexico right now cannot do, or rather cannot be seen to be doing, the developed nations any favors," he said.

The \$32 price is for the lightweight isthmus crude delivered to the Gulf of Mexico Port of Veracruz. The heavier Mayan crude was priced at \$28 a barrel.

Mexico is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but traditionally keeps its prices close to those of OPEC.

Mexico exports about 440,000 barrels of oil a day to the United States, which imports about 8 million barrels daily from all sources.

Congress suggests monitoring

Oil-rich investors no threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — Congressional investors have said that investments in America by oil exporting countries are no apparent threat to the U.S. economy but should be monitored more closely.

The General Accounting Office Thursday said in a report that Arab and other oil countries held at least \$325 million worth of U.S. investments in 1978, primarily in real estate, industry and bank stock.

None of these direct investments could be identified as a strategically placed investment in major U.S. companies or in sensitive industries," the GAO report said.

In addition to the direct investments, the report said, the oil countries have \$62 billion worth of U.S. deposits and purchases of U.S. securities.

"On the whole, OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) investments do not appear to be a threat to the economy," the report said. "However, GAO is concerned that U.S. officials might not be aware, on a timely basis, if particular strategic investments were made to influence policy."

The report said U.S. agencies should monitor all foreign investments more closely not only to guard against such manipulation of the American economy but for U.S. policy actions as well.

For example, the report said, when President Jimmy Carter froze Iranian assets in the United States the two governments gave widely differing estimates of how much was involved.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.377	3.3725
Pound Sterling	7.56	7.55	7.53
Deutsche Mark (100)	198.00	197.00	196.80
Swiss F (100)	215.00	215.00	214.50
French F (100)	84.00	84.25	84.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	42.25	42.25
Lebanese Lira (100)		103.75	103.65
Syrian Lira (100)		78.25	78.85
Egyptian Pound		4.54	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.40	12.38
Jordanian Dinar		11.46	11.48
Emirate Dirham (100)		89.60	89.60
Qatari Riyal (100)		89.50	89.50
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)		26.00	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.00	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.50	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		82.00	89.50
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.18
Gold kg.		61,300.00	—
10 Tolas bar		7,160.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.42	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.88	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	121.00	122.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	179.00	178.50	178.50
Spanish Peco		52.00	52.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		82.50	—
Philippine Peco (1,000)		—	47.00
Singapore		—	1.58

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BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARRIVAL
3	Sabah 'A'	Alwani	General	13-12-79
4	Orgeo	Alwani	Kaha Juice	13-12-79
4	Reem One	O.C.E.	Tiles/Steel/Gen.	02-01-80
5	Berges (GREEN HARBOUR)	Kanoo	Flour/Oil	01-01-80
6	Bedr	Baroon	Durra	21-12-79
7	Al Khalidiah	Kanoo	Containers/Gen.	02-01-80
8	Al Shidadiyah	Kanoo	Containers/Gen.	02-01-80
9	Laertes	Alesta	Containers/Timber	02-01-80
10	Saudi Prince	Ocean T.	Flour/Gen.	28-12-79
12	East Port	A.E.T.	Vehicles	01-01-80
14	Chrysosvelandou Dyo	SSMSC	Meat/Sorghum	28-12-79
15	Sultan	Abushal	Durra/Melon Seed	31-12-79
19	La Costa	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	31-12-79
20	Eleftherie	Red Sea	Iron Bars	02-01-80
22	Atelays	M.T.A.	Containers/Timber/Gen.	01-01-80
23	Eugenia V	Elhaw	Timber/Plywood/Gen.	30-12-79
24	Marlene S	S.N.L.	Containers	02-01-80
28	Monson Universal	Star	Reefer	23-12-79
29	Polar Argentin	O.C.E.	Reefer	01-01-80
30	Saronic Reefer	Alsbah	Reefer	20-12-79
35	Box Trader	Red Sea	Containers	01-01-80
39	Climax Pearl	O.C. Trade	General	01-01-80
41	Brazen Eagle	Star	Barley/Rice-Gen	30-12-79
42	Palmyra	Alsbah	Barley	02-01-80
2	RECENT ARRIVALS			
	Reem One	O.C.E.	Gen/Tiles/Steel	02-01-80
	Marlene S	S.N.L.	Containers	02-01-80
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4	Emma Meersk	Kanoo	Gen/Conts	02-01-80
8	Yung Fon Lu	Gosaibi	General/Conts	01-01-80
10	New Beach	Gulf	Loading Urea	19-12-79
16	Asia Chihio	Gulf	Ge. ral	01-01-80
21	Silver Zephyr (D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	01-01-80
21	Oriental Express	S.M.C.	Containers	02-01-80
26	Al Shuwailih	Kanoo	Shaep	02-01-80
27	Antionis p-Lamos	Alsaada	Steel	02-01-80
31	Fathul Khair	Kanoo	Gen/Steel	02-01-80
33	Tacoma City	G.M.S.	General	01-01-80
36	Primavera (D.B.)	S.M.C.	Bulk Cement	19-12-79
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	Wersak	S.E.A.	Gen/Conts/Cement	01-01-80

Iran strikes oil deals at \$30 price tag

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4 (R) — Iran has concluded a series of deals with Western and Japanese oil companies for oil supplies during this year at about \$30 a barrel as its official selling price, but lower than prices it had demanded before the new year, buyers said Friday.

The deals with the Royal Dutch-Shell group in Amsterdam and British Petroleum (BP) in London totaling 220,000 barrels a day, drastically reduce the two companies' traditional share of Iranian oil, the two companies said.

Japanese sources, however, said new deals with Japan, some of which have still to be completed, would boost their direct access to Iranian oil by 40,000 barrels a day to 500,000.

Iran set the official price for its light crude oil at \$28.50 a barrel shortly before Christmas but was demanding up to \$36 a barrel in early negotiations with buyers, oil industry sources said.

Royal Dutch-Shell said in Amsterdam that under its new contract, it will get 95,000 barrels a day during the first nine months of 1980 at an average price of \$30 a barrel.

The group was getting 195,000 barrels a day from Iran at the end of 1979, it added.

BP said in London it was to get only 125,000 barrels a day from Iran in the first nine months compared with 365,000 barrels in the closing weeks of 1979, the average price was also \$30 a barrel.

In Tokyo, trade ministry sources said 12 Japanese companies have signed contracts with Iran or had reached agreement for supplies at about \$30 a barrel.

The agreements were believed to increase Japan's direct imports from Iran from around 460,000 barrels a day in 1979 to 518,000 in 1980, they added.

Russia continues massive purchase of U.S. wheat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — The Soviet Union, continuing its massive purchases of United States grain, has bought an additional 3.8 million metric tons of corn and wheat, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Thursday.

Officials said the latest sales pushed to more than 21.4 million metric tons of U.S. corn and wheat the Soviet Union has bought for delivery through Sept. 30.

The new sales raised Russia's total U.S. grain purchases to a record level, exceeding the old mark of about 18 million metric tons of wheat and corn bought in 1972-73.

Moreover, the Soviets now have bought about 86 per cent of all the corn and wheat they are eligible to buy for 1979-80. Last year U.S. officials told Moscow it could purchase up to 25 million metric tons this year, compared to shipments of 15.7 million in 1978-79.

The big sales were authorized in the wake of a short Russian grain harvest last year and huge U.S. crops which have helped build record supplies of grain.

Grain sales to the Soviet Union and scores of other countries are handled by private companies who are required to report large sales to the department.

Officials also announced Russia bought 187,560 metric tons of U.S. soybeans.

Those are not included in the lid of 25 million metric tons specified for wheat and corn.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 39.4 bushels of corn or 36.7 bushels of wheat or soybeans.

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Unified oil prices expected

OPEC news agency eyed

CARACAS, Jan. 4 (R) — The Board of Governors of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is to consider setting up an OPEC news agency, board President Jose Manuel Tineo said Thursday.

He told the Venezuelan official news agency Venpres that a special meeting of the board before the end of March would deal exclusively with the proposal.

Tineo also said OPEC will re-establish a unified pricing system this year because of large stockpiles of oil built up by industrialized countries.

It failed to agree on a unified price structure for oil at a meeting in Caracas last month.

Tineo said he believed the large stockpiles and oil sales by non-OPEC countries would bring about a glut of crude oil on the spot market.

OPEC President Humberto Calderon Berti, who is Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister, estimated recently industrialized nations have built up an unprecedented stockpile of 4.8 billion barrels.

An abundance of crude oil "will influence

the price of oil being sold on the spot market and bring about a reduction of sales on this market," Tineo told Venpres.

"The glut of crude and the reduction of sales on the spot market will bring a favorable atmosphere within OPEC for making a decision on a unified price structure," he added.

Tineo is also director of Petroleum Planning and Economy in the Venezuelan Energy and Mines Ministry.

Meanwhile, the 10-nation Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) Thursday urged its member states to rationalize energy consumption, starting with petrol.

Its official bulletin warned in an editorial that if petroleum producers consumption in OAPEC states continued at the present rate, over half the production expected in the year 2,000 would be used locally.

Kuwait, Iraq, Algeria, Libya, Jamahiriya, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are members of OAPEC. The 10th member, Egypt, was suspended about a year ago for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Consumption blamed on weather

1979 W. German oil imports rise

HAMBURG, West Germany, Jan. 4 (AP) — Oil imports rose 5.5 per cent in West Germany in 1979 as the country failed to meet the 5 per cent reduction in the crude oil consumption targeted by the international Energy Agency, the Exxon Corp. said Thursday.

Imports rose to 152.5 million metric tons from 144.5 million tons in 1978, according to preliminary figures published by Esso A.G., the West German subsidiary.

Domestic consumption of oil products increased 2.5 per cent last year to 133 million tons from 129.8 million tons in 1978, according to Esso. It said it expects consumption to decline slightly to 130 million tons in 1980.

Higher oil consumption, to a large degree, was ascribed to very cold winter weather in the early months of 1979. Without these weather factors, 1979 energy and oil consumption would have been lower, Esso commented.

Instead of an initially projected consumption of under 48.9 million tons of light heating oil, actual 1979 consumption was up 3.2 per cent at 50.5 million tons, according to current estimates.

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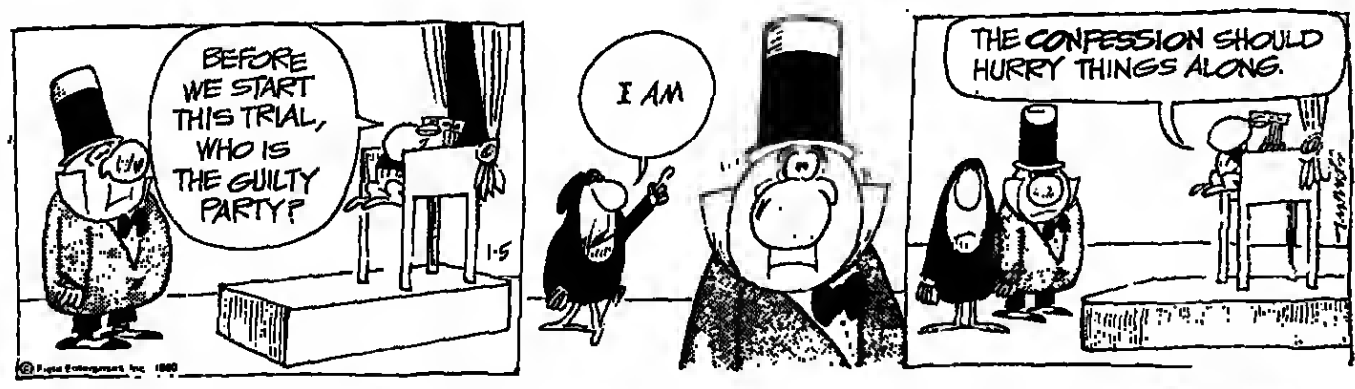
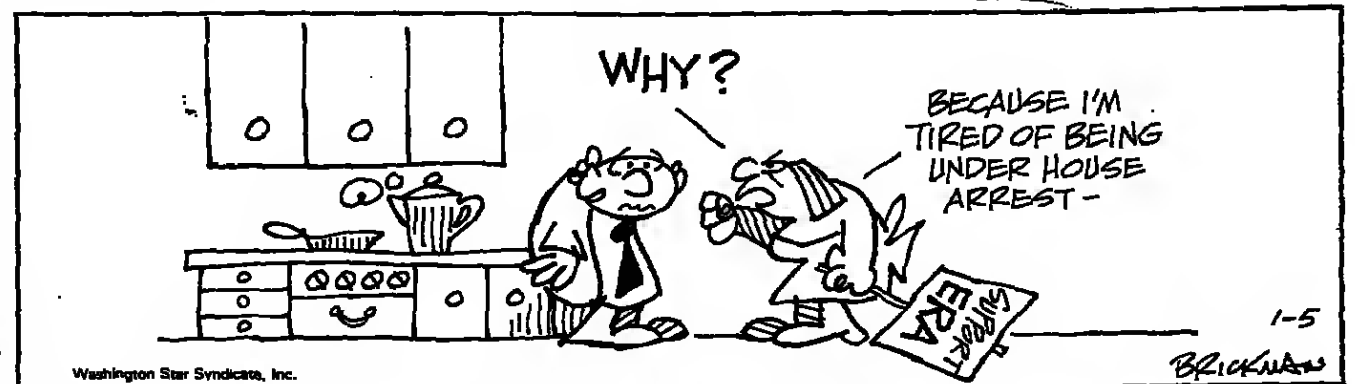
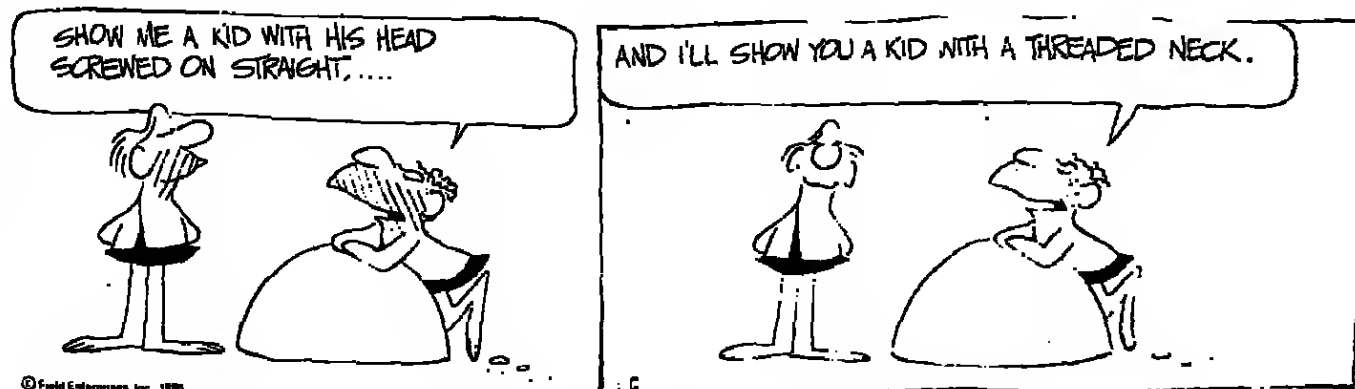
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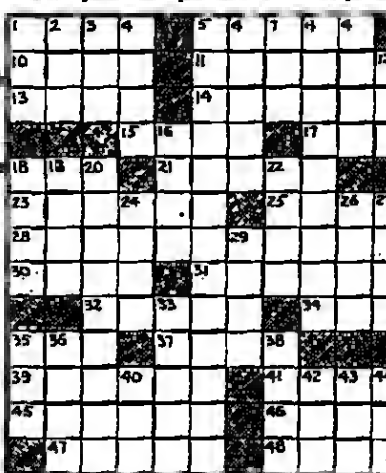
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5 Ancient
11 Mindless
13 Thunder
14 Wheel rim
15 Palmer
17 Steer
18 Placet
21 City
22 Learn
23 No
25 No
28 Beginning
30 Noun
31 To this
32 Skinned
34 Three
35 Half a dance
37 Pulpit
39 Tigers
41 Slightly
45 Like
46 Brahman
47 Khazeni
48 Gossip

DOWN
1 Talk, talk
2 1 Across
3 In Aspic
4 Sign of
5 Zodiac
6 Humid
7 50 Henry
8 (with "The")
9 "Awake and
10 Sing" author
11 Sesame
12 Follow-up
13 28 Across
14 Crossword
15 Puzzle porch
16 Use a needle
17 "It came
18 a midnight
19 clear ..."
20 Brood of
21 pheasants
22 Yesterday's
23 Answer
24 One of
25 The Wise Men
26 35 - Magnon
27 Do
28 Goebbels
29 Lucy's
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♥ Q J 8 7
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A J 8 5
EAST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ A K 10 9 5 4
♦ 3 2
♣ 9 4
SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 5 4
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3:00 NEWS	11:10	Music
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3:40 Music	12:10	Music
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		dreams
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10:00 Opening		

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P.M.	10:30	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30	VOC Magazine
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8:30 Dateline	11:00	Special English: News
News Summary	11:30	Music U.S.: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English:		
News: Feature: The		
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9:30 Music USA:		
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10:00 News Roundup		
Reports: Actualities		
10:05 Opening: Analyses		

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8.45	World Today	6.15	Outlook
9.00	Newsdesk	7.00	World News
9.30	Opera Star	7.09	Commentary
10.00	World News	7.15	Sherlock Holmes
10.09	Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7.45	World Today
10.30	Sarah Ward	8.00	World News
10.45	Something to Show You	8.09	Books and Writers
11.00	World News	8.30	Take One
11.09	Reflections	8.45	Sports Round-up
11.15	Piano Style	9.00	World News
11.30	Brain of Britain 1978	9.09	News about Britain
12.00	World News	9.15	Radio Newsreel
12.09	British Press Review	9.30	Farming World
12.15	World Today	10.00	Outlook News Sum mary
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1.30	Discovery	12.15	Talkabout
2.00	World News	12.45	Nature Notebook
2.09	News about Britain	1.00	World News
2.15	Alphabet of Musical Curios	1.09	World Today
2.30	Sports International	1.25	Financial News
2.40	Radio Newsreel	1.35	Book Choice
3.15	Promenade Concert	1.40	Reflections
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Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
The unexpected may crop up in connection with a date. Work on a project brings the approval of superiors. Self-discipline brings rewards.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Travel should be as pleasurable. Movie-TV should prove stimulating. Sports enthusiasts have the go-ahead. Home worry alleviated.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) ♊
Romance and/or creative projects go well. Watch out that a change of mood doesn't work against gains. Make home decision.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22) ♋
Financial improvement indicated and short trips with loved ones are exciting. Be prudent, though, with spending, esp if away.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
You'll make a good impression on others, esp romantic interests. Possible home upset. A work project brings financial return.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Problem solving in private brings results. Though if you start to feel cooped up, take time off for fun. Change your routine.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Enjoy social life. If you start to feel irritable, get proper rest away from the crowd. Later, a private chat solidifies a friendship.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Career luck with you, but don't overextend that luck with erratic behavior. New friends meet at a party should be exciting.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
A good day for broadening your perspective through travel or cultural pursuits. Career efforts now lead to financial gain.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Trust hunches re business deals. A friend reacts in an unexpected way. Take the initiative re a distant matter. Make plans.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Partnership harmony puts you in the mood for a party - though you may have to leave early due to business. Research projects pay off.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Extra work on the job brings results. Still, know when to call it quits. Later, enjoy socializing with friends and loved ones.

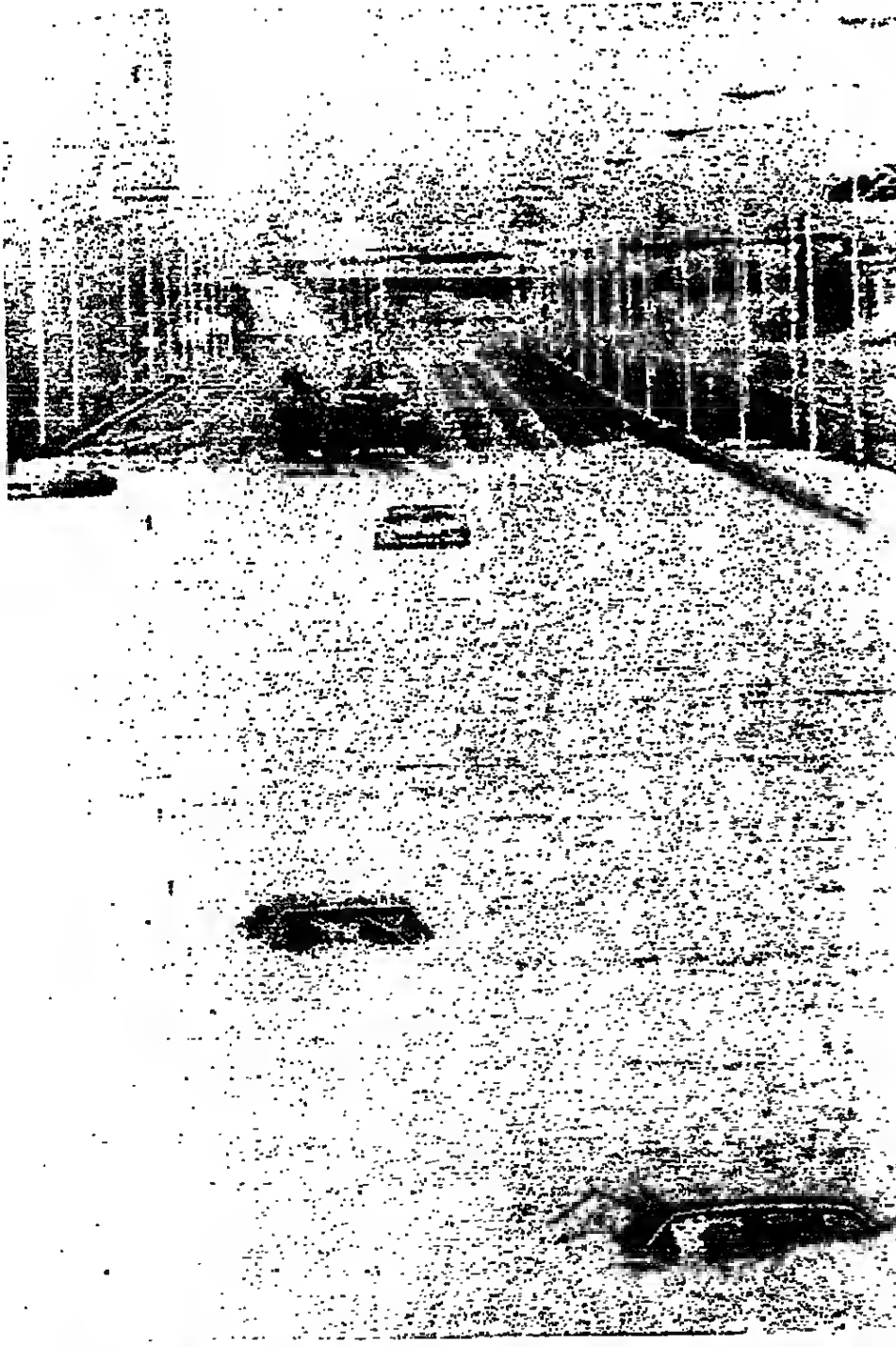
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Winter has struck Europe and America

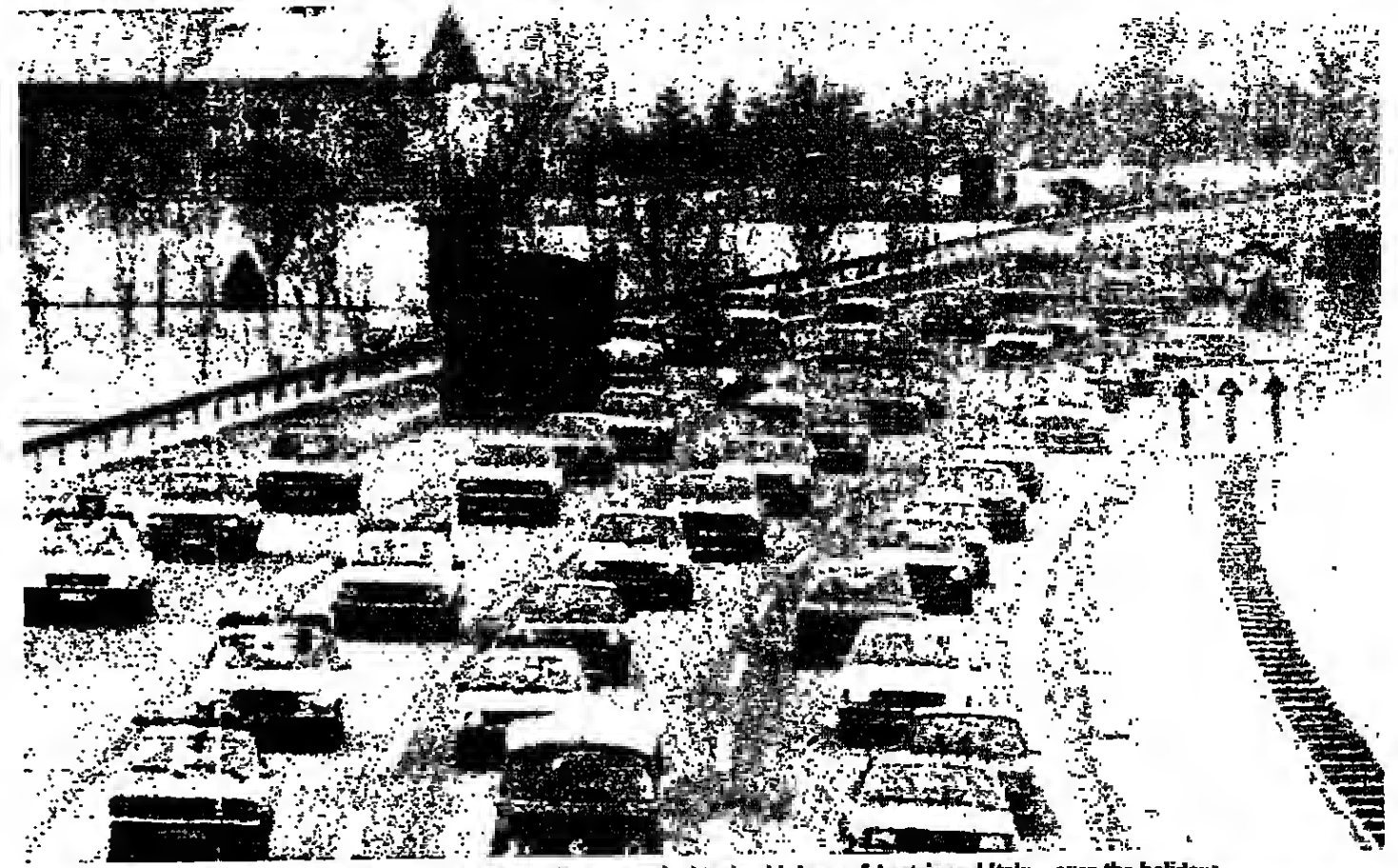


The tryouts for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team were moved from Lake Placid to Steamboat Springs, Colorado where there is plenty of snow. Jon Zdechlik skis the cross-country course (at left)

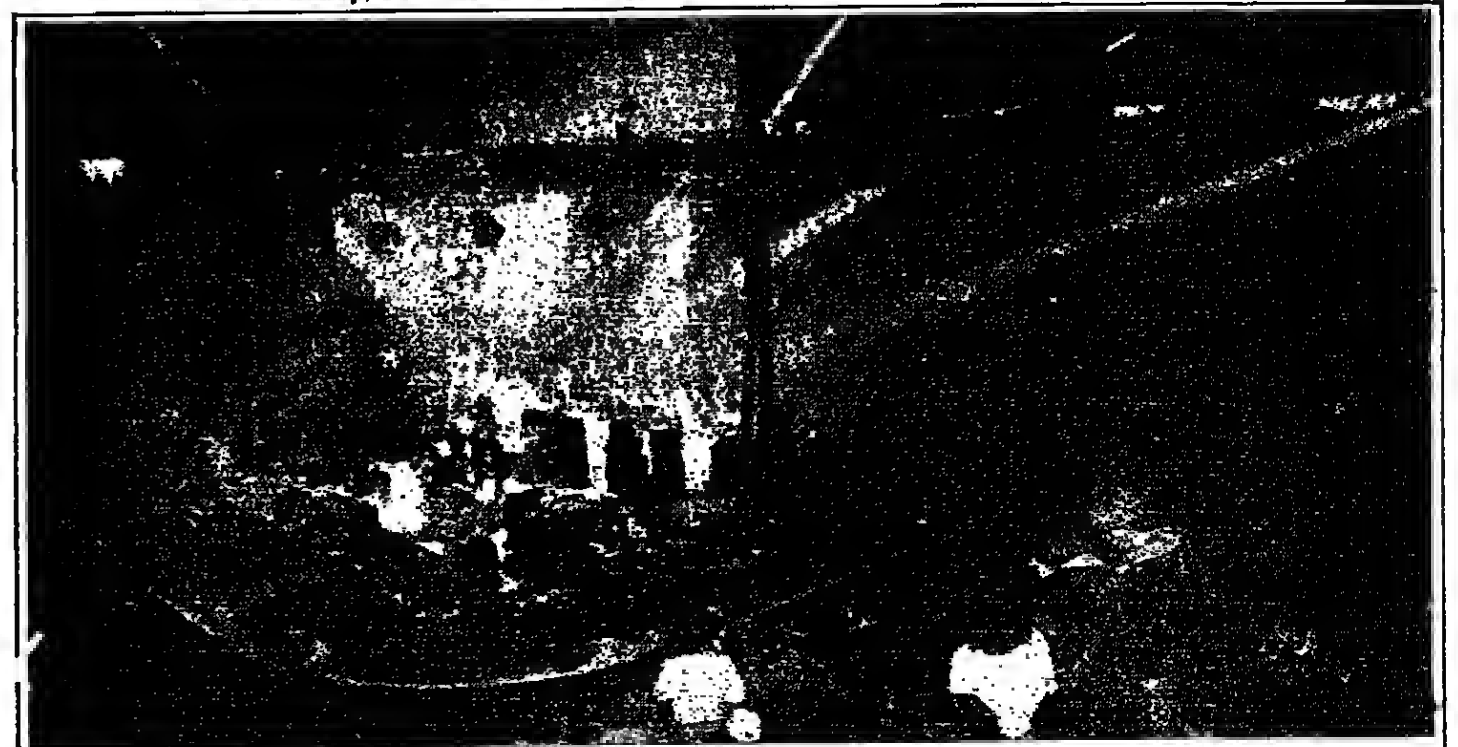
Chicago's Lake Shore Drive was inundated recently when high winds whipped 12-foot waves from Lake Michigan into the street. The water stood as high as six feet in places and Chicagoans abandoned their cars.



Huge waves pounded the coastal road at the Roman beach of Ostia recently as a fierce storm packed winds of up to 100 kilometers an hour.



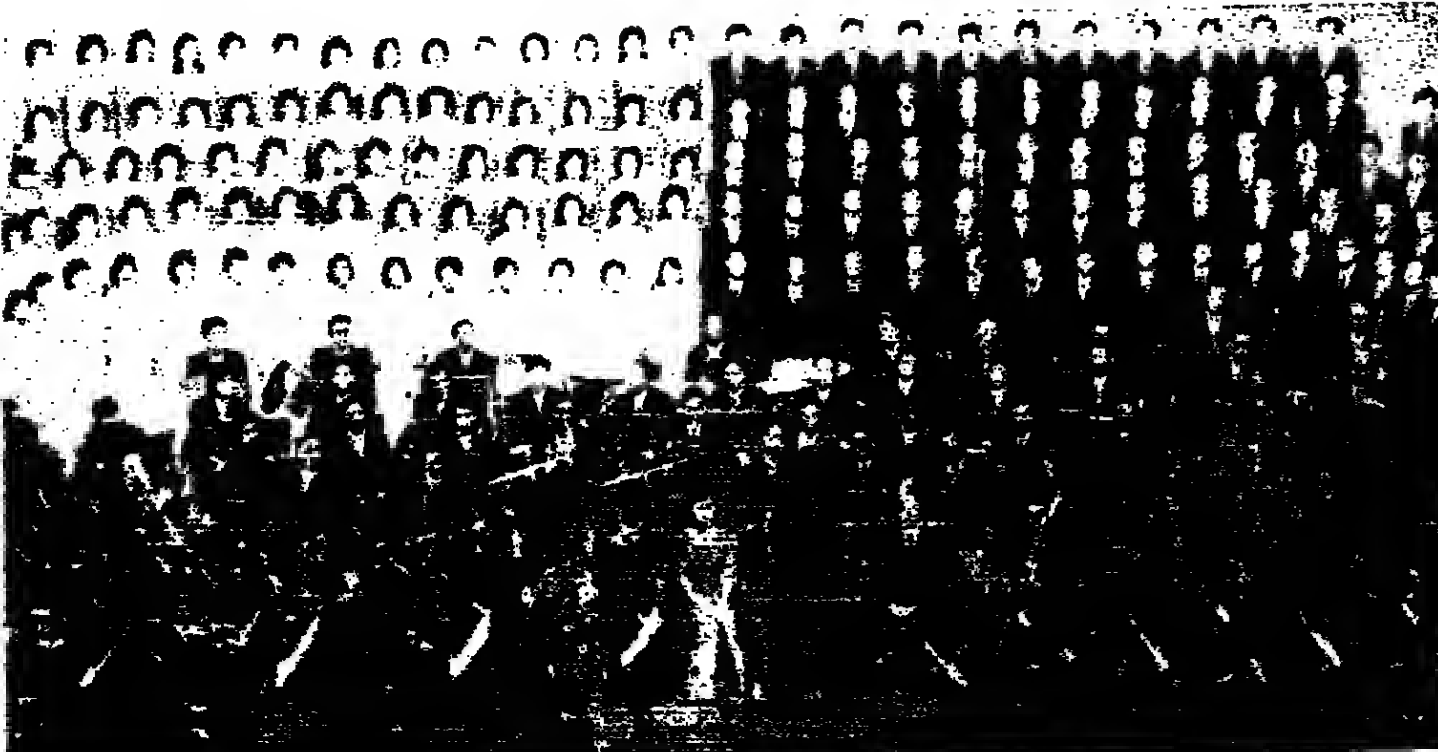
In West Germany, skiers from all over Europe rushed to the ski slopes of Austria and Italy over the holidays.



The Who, at their concert in Cincinnati where 11 people were killed as the crowd rushed to get seats.



Peggy Guggenheim's son, Sinbad Vail (at left) announced recently that his mother's fabulous art collection would remain in Venice where she lived most of her life, and where she died.



Seiji Ozawa, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, leads Chinese orchestra and chorus in a performance of Beethoven's Ninth.



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But confident Pakistan is safe

Zia condemns Russians' Afghan invasion

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 4 (AP) — Pakistan's president says he condemns Soviet military intervention in neighboring Afghanistan, but is confident the Soviet Union will not violate Pakistan's border, according to a newspaper report Friday.

The daily *Nawa-e Waqt* of Rawalpindi said General Zia ul-Haq told editors of Pakistani newspapers Thursday, "We hope that the

crisis which has been created by the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, will be overcome by Pakistan, through its internal stability, unity and principles. Although the situation is of great concern, we are confident that the Soviet Union will not violate Pakistan's international borders."

"What has happened in Afghanistan is regrettable, and the presence of Soviet troops

in Afghanistan is a grave violation of the principles of peaceful coexistence. This situation will not only complicate Afghanistan's problems, but will also create a painful situation for the world peace. We expect the big powers to realize the gravity of the situation."

Zia said Pakistan also favors discussion of the Soviet aggression by the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference.

In Calcutta, hundreds of Indian Muslim students staged a demonstration Friday outside the Soviet consulate.

The demonstrators submitted a memorandum to the consulate denouncing "Soviet armed intervention" in Afghanistan and calling for the immediate withdrawal of all Russian troops.

They also demanded cancellation of the Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty and a boycott of the Moscow Olympics by India.

The demonstration was organized by the students' Islamic Movement of India.

In Beirut, Mosques Friday denounced the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and asked for non-interference in Muslim affairs.

One speech broadcast by the state-run Beirut Radio said that Muslims "condemn any attempt to dominate their affairs by political, economic or military means as happened recently in Afghanistan."

President Sadat, meanwhile, also denounced the Soviets and reiterated that Egypt was ready to provide the United States with military bases to defend the Gulf.

Sadat, speaking to reporters after performing prayers in Aswan in upper Egypt, said he had prayed for "martyrs who have been crushed by Soviet tanks in Afghanistan."

The president said all Islamic leaders should close ranks in the face of the Soviet action, and added, "We will have specific decisions...our efforts will never be confined to mere words of condemnation." He did not elaborate.

Zia also reviewed the question of U.S. military aid to Pakistan. Zia said Pakistan had bitter experiences with American aid, which was stopped when Islamabab was at war with India over Kashmir in 1965 and over Bangladesh in 1971.

He said Pakistan has asked for clarifications from Washington as to the nature of the proposed military aid, and the terms which will accompany it. When these clarifications have been received, Pakistan will take a decision "keeping the best national interests in view."

Zia said Islamabad has made it clear to Washington that if Pakistan accepts American military aid, Pakistan's membership in and policy toward the non-aligned movement will not change.

He said that India, Afghanistan and Cuba are members of the non-aligned movement, but at the same time they receive Soviet military aid. Based on this principle, acceptance of military aid by Pakistan, from any country, should not come in the way of its membership of the non-aligned movement.

Zia denied Soviet charges that certain countries — the United States, China and Egypt — are training Afghan dissidents on Pakistani soil.

A report from Peshawar, says that the value of Afghan currency "Afghani" has declined over the past two days.

The Afghan currency is freely exchanged with the Pakistani rupee. The previous rate of around 3.5 Afghanis to a rupee, has now declined to seven Afghanis to a rupee. (One U.S. dollar equals 9.90 Pakistani rupees).

The decline in the value of the Afghan currency followed the Soviet induction of troops in Afghanistan, which brought the trade and travel between the two countries almost to a standstill.

Afghanistan on agenda

U.S. defense chief in Peking today

PEKING, Jan. 4 (R) — U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown arrives in Peking Saturday for a week of talks with China's leaders expected to include the situation in Afghanistan and U.S. arms sales to Nationalist China.

Brown, the first defense secretary to visit the People's Republic, will probably discuss ways in which China and the U.S. could strengthen Pakistan's armed forces in the light of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Officials in Washington have said.



OUT OF THE BUSH: Two Patriotic Front guerrillas emerge from the bush at a rendezvous point 60 miles northeast of Salisbury.

Rhodesia guerrillas slowly assemble at British camps

SALISBURY, Jan. 4 (AP) — At least 7,300 of some 15,000 to 20,000 guerrillas believed inside Rhodesia were in British-supervised camps Friday on the last day of a ceasefire preceding elections and independence.

By the stroke of midnight Friday all guerrillas still roaming the mountains, plains and bush will be deemed outlaws by Governor Lord Soames.

The last day of the week-long ceasefire, in which Commonwealth troops from five nations are monitoring Rhodesian troops and guerrillas, was marred by an attack on the house of a top black leader.

A Yugoslav-made rifle grenade was fired from a street into the bedroom window of the house of James Bassoppo Moyo, a senior official of Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union, shortly after midnight. Moyo, recently freed from detention without trial, was out at home. His wife, Stella, who was sleeping at the time, was slightly wounded by shrapnel from the exploding grenade.

A similar attack was launched last month on the house nearby of Sabelo Mugabe, sister of the ZANU guerrilla leader who is due back here with rival Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union President Joshua Nkomo from three years' self-imposed exile.

Police declined to speculate on who might have been responsible for the latest attack. A spokesman would only say the grenade, fired from a rifle, was the type used by guerrillas.

Both ZANU and ZAPU are armed and supplied by Eastern bloc nations. The Commonwealth military headquarters here reported that at least 17,300 guerrillas had reported to rendezvous spots and assembly bases — abandoned schools, old mines and deserted villages.

"We're still confident that most of the guerrillas will be in the camps by the midnight deadline," a military spokesman for the British, Australian, New Zealand, Kenya and Fiji troops said.

Britain released 10 senior guerrilla leaders from detention Thursday as the governor and the insurgents' commanders pleaded with their troops to report to the assembly camps.

The move was both a sign of the British conviction that the cease-fire was working and an effort to convince the guerrillas still hiding in the bush of their good intentions.

The British spokesman, Nicholas Fenn, said, "It (the number of guerrillas) better get much higher than that."

He said "it would be a serious problem" but would not in itself destroy the cease-fire if the figure doesn't rise sharply.

Fenn was clearly hopeful, noting that the British and guerrilla leaders had always respected a last-minute rush to the cease-fire camps. He also said the figure of 5,050 was probably low for technical reasons.

Guerrilla leaders broadcast appeals on radio throughout the day appealing to their men to report in. Lord Soames, also pleaded with the guerrillas to turn up, saying they would be lawful if they didn't.

Informal sources have said the British weren't likely to order instant reprisals against recalcitrant guerrillas despite pressure from the white-led Rhodesian army. However, Fenn said the cease-fire rendezvous points would be closed after the deadline. The assembly camps would remain open, however.

Fenn, meanwhile reported that 24 guerrillas arrested by the former governments of Ian Smith and Abel Muzorewa were released.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazem

A new year, he said. One more year away from Beirut. You seem to be forgetting, he said, after all these years. You hardly ever write about it now.

Oh, I remember, I said. Everything. Everyday. The mother of the world, the jewel of the sea. The bay of St. Georges, dark blue against the light blue of the sky. The swimmer, the sailing boats, the happy waves; and behind it all, Old Sanin brooding, its hair all white. The American University, the girls laughing, running from class to class, the flowers red and gold and violet and yellow. I remember the soft sands on the long shimmering white beaches of Tyre. Dawn. The murmured "good mornings" of the fishermen as they put out in their small craft. Swimming. Freshly caught fish grilled for lunch. The happy faces. The miles and miles and miles of golden orange groves. The clear, smiling, lucid, and safe, safe, safe sky. Then inland to the heights and another dawn with the shadows fleeing back towards the mountains. Then the move towards Dhahr al Beidar when, suddenly as you turn a corner, Al Baqaa, noblest of plains, unfolds its sudden rich tapestry with shades of green and brown and gold and then as evening descends the tapestry turns to black velvet with bunches here and there upon it, the diamonds of villages and towns. And then the little, almost toylike Damascus train puffing and puffing around the mountain passes which vanishes no sooner than it is glimpsed. And high Faraya in the snow, with people far up, small dots of many colors. The Sundays in the mountains. Baskanta on one side, Kafr Aqah on the other, and between them Wadi Al Jamajim, so deep that the sun never penetrates to its floor. The icons everywhere on the road. And in summer cherries red and pale pink and paler and paler to white and the smell of pine everywhere and Hamman apple and Falouha blossom and Bahadoun and Aley alive with summer visitors from all lands, with Arab dress and Western dress mixing all the carnival long. I remember the Hasbani river before it was devastated, with the cafes on its banks, with the children throwing bits of bread and watching the fish, and their parents serious on their Tawlat Zahar and coffees and fruits. I remember.

Oh, he said, I only asked.....
Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

SALT pact paralyzed

By Lawrence L. Knutson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — After months of senate hearings and nearly a decade of negotiations, the strategic arms limitation treaty is paralyzed and possibly dying, a victim of Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Many senators contend the treaty is dead for 1980 and say President Jimmy Carter's action in calling for a delay in the debate over its ratification stems from simply facing facts.

The latest delay is another example of events not directly related to the treaty's purpose overwhelming attempts to have the proposal on its merits. The treaty is specifically aimed at putting a cap on the strategic nuclear arms race.

Another recent example of outside events hurting the prospects for SALT ratification was disclosure late last year of a Soviet combat brigade in Cuba.

Senate minority leader Howard H. Baker, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, reminded reporters at a news conference Thursday that as long as three years ago he was saying the treaty could not be considered in a vacuum.

Senate majority leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia restated the case in favor of ratifying the treaty, but concluded: "It would not be conducive to the SALT process to bring up the SALT treaty at this time."

He said it would remain on the calendar ready for debate when the climate improves.

"I think the president was just facing political reality," said Sen. George McGovern, a South Dakota Democrat. "The SALT process is temporarily paralyzed if not dead. The treaty was in serious trouble before Afghanistan. Right now the chances of moving the treaty in the Senate are nil."

Sen. Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said a Soviet-occupied Afghanistan would be like a dagger pointed at the Middle Eastern oil fields which supply the United States and other industrialized nations.

"The United States should put the Soviet Union on notice that we are prepared to protect the oil resources of Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf with our own military forces, should that become necessary," said Church.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, had no comment on the president's decision. He has been a leading supporter of the treaty.

Vietnamese communists release relatives so old enemy might live

IRVING, Texas Jan. 4 (AP) — A former South Vietnamese Air Force pilot has been offered help from an old enemy in his struggle against a chronic kidney disease.

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has agreed to allow a brother and sister of Cuong Nguyen to come to the United States as possible kidney donors.

"I was a little bit surprised," Nguyen said Thursday, but added "sooner or later, I thought they would let them come."

Doctors told Nguyen, 45, that he suffered from chronic kidney disease and would be "sitting on a time bomb" unless he received a kidney transplant.

His chances for survival were rated at 92 per cent with a kidney from a live donor and just 30-to-50 per cent with a cadaver organ. Nguyen left his mother, three sisters and two brothers behind when he fled his homeland in 1975.

Nguyen contacted Episcopal Immigration Services, which negotiated with the Vietnamese for almost a year before securing the release of Nguyen's youngest brother, and sister.

The sister, 28-year-old Minh Ngoc Thi, and brother, 26-year-old Sao Huy, arrived Saturday in Dallas and will undergo tests to determine who is the best kidney donor.

This is the first time the Hanoi government has granted visas for medical reasons, said Jean Hanz of the American Red Cross in Dallas.

Faye Morrill, director of the refugee resettlement program of the Dallas Episcopal diocese, said Nguyen's military record never was mentioned in the negotiations.

Nguyen was hospitalized just before Christmas for blood transfusions, and each week spends 12 hours on a kidney dialysis machine.

Indira may be weakened

Indian election suffers low turnout

NEW DELHI, Jan. 4 (R) — Scattered violence, cold weather and general disenchantment with politicians helped to produce a low poll Thursday in the first stage of India's two-part general election.

The average turnout for the country was 50 per cent in 244 of the 525 parliamentary constituencies. The rest will vote on Sunday with first results due on Sunday evening. The turnout was 60 per cent in the 1977 elections.

Voting was a low 45 per cent in the northern Rae Bareilly constituency fought by ex-Premier Indira Gandhi, 62, whose Congress (I) Party was given best chance of winning the election.

Political commentators said the low turnout might count against her, but she was still expected to muster more votes than her main contenders, the Janata Party led by Jagjivan Ram and caretaker Premier Charan Singh's Lok Dal (people's party).

A widespread severe cold spell kept many voters at home in northern India, while a lot of people in other parts of the country seemed unable to find enough enthusiasm to vote.

In Amroha constituency in northern Uttar Pradesh province, voting was stopped and a fresh poll ordered after three Harijans

(untouchables) were killed and 19 injured by supporters of an upper caste Hindu.

In the northern Bagpat constituency of Premier Singh, police said six Harijans were attacked and injured to prevent them from voting.

Special polling booths have been set up in many areas for Harijans, who are often deterred from voting by upper caste groups.

In Rajasthan, a booth was quickly converted into a temporary maternity center when a woman voter gave birth to an election-day baby boy.

At two other polling stations in the state, not a single voter turned up. At Lasravan voters boycotted the election in protest at the government's failure to provide a better school and at Lalkhakhidhani people spurned the poll because oobody has solved a drinking water problem.

The state with the lowest turnout of voters was northeastern Assam with 30 per cent. The election has been postponed in 12 of the state's 14 constituencies after agitation about the inclusion of immigrants on electoral rolls.

More than 30 people have died in Assam and neighboring Meghalaya state in recent weeks in the violence.

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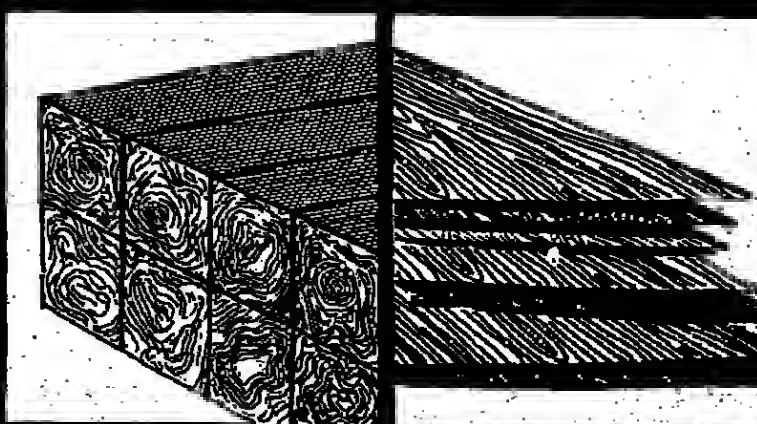
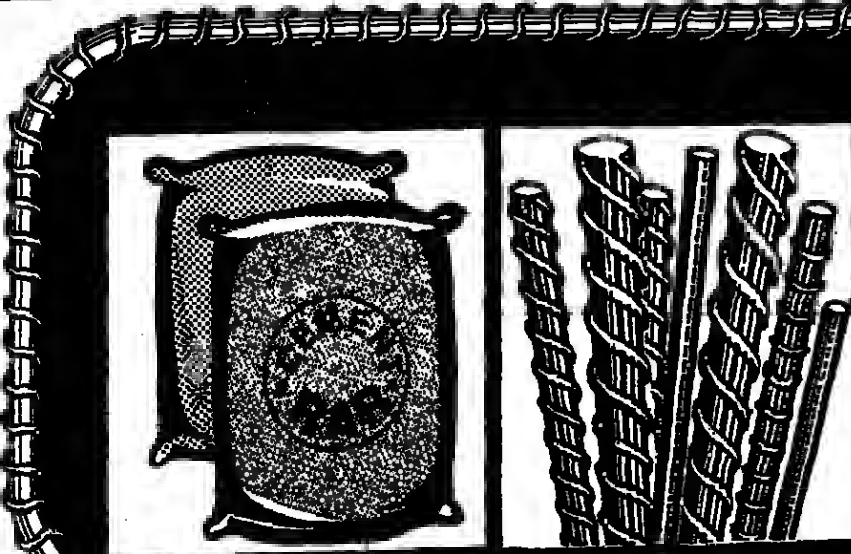
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